August 19, 2020

Dear Campus,

I would like to answer some questions that have been raised since yesterday’s letter. The intent of that letter was to remind and encourage all students and employees to continue doing the right thing by wearing a mask and not gathering in large groups. The letter was not intended to provide an update about positive COVID-19 cases associated with Chadron State College students or employees.

As of this morning, there have been seven individuals associated with CSC who have tested positive for COVID-19. A web page, CSC Cases, will show the number of positive cases and recoveries for individuals associated with the college. This new page will be updated regularly and serve as the college’s official register of positive cases. We have been working diligently with the Panhandle Public Health District and the Nebraska State College System Office to develop the web page’s content and to verify its information. Please understand that processes such as this take time, and the college will not violate privacy laws or board policies.

I would ask all of you to continue to be patient. Information will be shared when it can be. The college is doing everything it can to be transparent with this pandemic, but you must know CSC will not communicate details about individual positive cases of students or employees. Likewise, CSC will not respond to rumors or conjecture. Instead, the college will collaborate with PPHD to ensure the information about its students and employees, and its response to the pandemic, is factual.

As I wrote yesterday, I appreciate everyone’s efforts thus far to Protect the Nest and protect each other from the spread of COVID-19 at Chadron State College.

Be well,

President Randy Rhine