Nov. 18, 2020

Dear Campus,

I hope this letter finds you well. When the pandemic began to affect our lives earlier this year, we had not anticipated the scope of changes to procedures that we would have to address. Throughout this entire ordeal, Chadron State College has been committed to keeping campus a safe and healthy environment for its students and employees. Now, with COVID-19 spreading at a high rate within our community and region, and impacting our healthcare infrastructure, CSC is taking steps to protect the public, as well.

Chadron State College will no longer create or promote activities the public may attend that could potentially result in further spread of COVID-19. Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 18, and until further notice, Chadron State College is limiting the attendance of all its scheduled events, including NCAA athletic competitions, to students and employees only. For those who want to stay informed of college activities, the college will continue to work diligently to provide virtual options for scheduled events.

Also beginning today, all campus buildings are closed to the public until further notice. This means the college will no longer host public events that utilize its facilities or allow individuals to use equipment located within those facilities, including those that occur inside the confines of the Nelson Physical Activity Center (NPAC), the Sandoz Center, the Student Center, and King Library. However, CSC will still host potential students and their guests for campus visits, as well as students who have scheduled to take their ACT.

This decision does not affect classes. The remainder of the fall semester will end Nov. 25. CSC plans to conduct its December session as planned, as well as its scheduled spring 2021 semester. If you have questions about an event you are responsible for within your program or unit, please contact your Vice President, dean, or director.

CSC has always been proud to collaborate with community and regional leaders and serve as a welcoming home for so many. That role will return when it is safe to do so. Unfortunately, for the time being, the responsible decision is to close our doors to the public.

I have said this before, but it is worth repeating: We will get through this, and we will get through this together. We will come out of this situation stronger, confident, and more compassionate. Let’s all continue to do the right things and protect yourself, protect your friends and loved ones, and “Protect the Nest.”

Be well,

President Randy Rhine