

November 2, 2020

MSU Faculty and Staff:

Our campus continues to move towards the end of the semester on November 24. We only have a little over three weeks to get there!

November Classes and Schedules:

Classes will continue to meet as normally scheduled in November, and instructors should continue to contact students if any classroom modifications are required. Instructors have the flexibility to make modifications to classes as they determine best.

If you are teaching in-person classes, we ask that you continue to keep them going if you are able to. Our students have repeatedly communicated to us that they would like to stay face-to-face this Fall semester. Students have been encouraged to consult with instructor(s) should they have any individual circumstances.

To counter balance the need to keep in-person classes going, we are asking that you try to keep as many other activities as possible in virtual format.

Our Vice Presidents and direct Presidential Reports have worked with some units to lower the number of employees on campus for a few days in an attempt to assist our general community in pushing down the number of cases. Each will continue to work with their units to balance the work that needs to be completed, alongside helping our general community.

Election Day November 3:

As a reminder, Tuesday, November 3 our University will be closed for Election Day. We encourage everyone to vote. On Tuesday, there will be no classes, but food venues, residence halls, and the Recreation Center will remain open. We will resume normal class schedules on November 4.

Classes and Advanced Registration for Winter and Spring:

The following dates and semester information have been sent to all students.

November 4 – Advanced Registration for Fall and Winter Classes Begins
November 24 – Last Day of Fall Semester Classes
December 3 – First Day of Winter Term II Classes
December 14 – First Day of Winter Term I Classes
January 19 – First Day of Spring Semester Classes

Advanced Registration for Winter Term I and II begins on November 4. Winter Term I is 100% online, and Winter Term II is hybrid online with one week of in-person classes the first week of January.

More detailed calendars for each term/semester are available at:

<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Academic-Affairs/Registrar/Academic-Calendars>

Covid-19 Testing November 5:

On Thursday, November 5 MSU will offer another Covid-19 testing opportunity on campus for students and employees. These will be offered in Laughlin Health Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and they are free with no appointment necessary.

Veterans Day November 11:

We ask that you please remember Veterans Day on November 11. Unfortunately, we are not able to conduct all of our normal Veterans Day observances due to health issues, but we will provide an alternative program. Please take this day to thank a veteran for their service.

General Health Precautions:

Our number of Covid cases on campus continue to remain relatively low, and stable week-over-week. However, our local community does have a rising number of cases, as does our State. To help keep our entire community as safe as possible, please continue to wear your face coverings in all MSU buildings, in MSU vehicles, and when you are in public around others. Let's also remind students and visitors the importance of wearing one while on campus.

Additionally, we encourage everyone to consider a flu shot. They are provided in our MSU Counseling and Health Services Center in Allie Young Hall, or you may consult with your medical provider. A number of pharmacies and walk-in clinics also offer them.

Please remember our MSU Counseling and Health Clinic remains open and available for appointments for mental and physical health needs.

<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Student-Affairs/Counseling-Health-Services>

If you would like to keep up with the number of Covid cases related to MSU, you may view them on the following website: www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu

Try to make it a point to get outside on nice days and exercise or visit with a friend. Also, periodically check on your neighbors and relatives.

Next Live Stream to Employees:

Our next Webex live stream to all employees will be on **Monday, November 9 at**

3 p.m. A link will be sent before the event so that you can join.

As we push towards finishing this Fall semester on campus, we ask that we all remain one EAGLE TEAM. Our highest goal is to get to November 24 -- as safe as possible -- and focused on student success.

Thanks for all that you are doing.

Jay Morgan
President