

January 14, 2021

MSU Students:

The start of the Spring semester is just days away, and we look forward to seeing you. Our goal is for everyone to be on **One Eagle Team** and focus on safely and successfully getting to May 8!

Dates of Importance:

Currently all University offices are open during normal business hours and you may contact them with any need.

The University Store in ADUC is open and you may go by in-person or order your books and materials online.

Tuesday, January 19 – Classes begin

Tuesday, January 26 – Last day to pay in full/enroll in a payment plan

Wednesday, February 17 – Academic Break – University open, no classes scheduled

Tuesday, March 30 – Academic Break – University open, no classes scheduled

A full Spring semester calendar can be accessed at:

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

Spring Registration for Classes:

- If you have not registered for classes for the Spring semester, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions you may contact your academic advisor and/or the academic department of your major.
- Spring semester classes are offered in a variety of formats, including face-to-face, hybrid, and fully online to allow for maximum flexibility.
- If you need to remain at home or have underlying health conditions, our online courses may be a good option for you. Students with a partial- or fully-online schedule may continue to reside on campus.

Residence Hall Return to Campus for the Spring Semester:

- The halls have begun to reopen with a staggered move-in. Please refer to an email from the Office of Student Housing for instructions to schedule a move-in time.
- To prevent congestion, please limit those assisting with move-in to no more than one.
- We request that you speak with your roommate/suitemates and attempt to establish a 4-6 day self-quarantine for each of you before you return to campus.

General Precautions for Returning to Campus/MSU Community and Spring Semester:

Our approach to Covid-19 mitigation on campus and in our University community employs as many “layers” of prevention as possible – but we need your diligence and your continued help! During the early part of the Spring semester we must try to build a bubble around our University community to protect it as much as possible.

Here is your role in helping:

- We request that all students who will be coming to campus attempt to obtain a Covid-19 test in your home community 4-6 days before returning to MSU, as well as self-quarantine for a few days before your return.
- KY Testing Locations: <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-testing>
- If you cannot obtain a test at home, St. Claire Health Care in Morehead also has a free drive-thru testing location that you can utilize once you arrive. It is open January 11-15 from 7 am – 5 pm with no appointment necessary. It is also open January 19-22 with posted hours online and no appointment necessary. To access the drive-thru testing center you can enter the St. Claire Health Care campus by McDonald's and signs will guide you to the area. www.st-claire.org/covidtesting
- Once you arrive to the MSU community, please try to limit your exposure to others for a few days to provide an additional barrier of time.
- Masks are required in all University buildings, and we encourage you to also wear them while outside when around others.
- MSU student nurses will also be randomly taking temperatures on campus as you enter buildings at several locations. If you are detected to have an elevated temperature we would ask that you return to your living area and let your instructor know immediately that you cannot attend class that day.
- Please continue to monitor your overall health during the semester, take your temperature, frequently wash your hands, and watch those around you for symptoms. As always, if you feel sick, please stay in your living area and notify your instructors.
- On-campus Covid-19 testing will be provided again as the Spring semester unfolds. Information will be sent as each testing date is scheduled.
- To the degree that you can, we are asking students to limit travel away from the University community as much as possible during the Spring semester, particularly during the colder months. This will serve as an additional measure to protect our campus.
- To prevent travel broadly, there will not be a Spring Break this semester.
- Classrooms and public areas will be cleaned regularly. Students should also consider individually cleaning desks and areas before use, as well as wearing cold weather gloves outside to further protect your hands.
- MSU does not yet have any detailed information on the distribution of a Covid-19 vaccine to the general public. Our recommendation is that you confer with your medical provider for their advice and also watch for public announcements as a vaccine becomes more broadly available.

Campus Food Services for Spring Semester:

- All campus food venues are beginning the opening process this week and next week.
- Make sure you activate your meal plan before arriving on campus via MyMoreheadState Self Service > Student Finance. Select "Financial Agreement" under the Helpful Links menu and accept and submit the agreement.
- We request that during January and February that you utilize as much take-out food as possible from campus dining services. ADUC will have limited seating and students are encouraged to find alternative eating spaces in your room or in other areas of campus.
- Additional outdoor seating and tents will be provided as the weather warms.

Limited Hours for Facilities Until January 31:

- To allow for extra precautions the Library and ADUC will close at 8 p.m. until January 31, after which they will then remain open until 10 p.m.
- The hours of operation for the Recreation and Wellness Center may be found at: <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Authentic-MSU/Recreation-and-Wellness/Facilities/Hours-of-Operation>
- Visitor access to residence halls will be limited until further notice. Those students living in the halls should refer to visitation guidelines from the Office of Student Housing.

Students, Clubs, and Organizations:

- We want to remain positive and keep everyone on the same team working against the spread of Covid-19 and allowing us to remain on campus in the Spring. **Thus, we are requiring all students, clubs, and organizations to refrain from in-person meetings, parties, get-togethers, etc.** Groups/individuals who are unable to be team players in this respect should be reported to the Dean of Students and/or a University administrator and each group/individual will go through our appropriate student code of conduct process.
- We have asked student club and organization advisors to try to begin having virtual meetings as soon as possible to assist with the return to campus.

Student Communication:

- If you have any specific questions about a class/lab/studio, please contact your instructor.
- If you are unable to attend the first few days of class due to Covid-19 issues, please contact your instructor as soon as possible, as well as the Covid-19 hotline at (606) 783-4222 or email covid-19@moreheadstate.edu. If at any time during the semester you are unable to attend due to Covid-19, please also let your instructor know.

Class Schedules and Billing Information on MyMoreheadState:

- Check your class schedule for accuracy and classroom location/times.
- Make sure you have accepted your Financial Responsibility Agreement required by all students each semester.
- Make sure to check your student account online via Self-Service>Student Finance. If you have a balance due, you will need to arrange to pay in full, or enroll in an online payment plan by Tuesday, January 26.
- Sign up for direct deposit of your student refund and/or work-study payroll check at Self-Service>Banking Information by January 31 for a chance to win a \$50 or \$100 University Store gift card. This is the quickest and most efficient way to receive student refunds and/or payroll checks, if they are applicable to you.
- Also, if you are a student employee, you may also elect to receive your annual IRS 1098-T tax form electronically via Self-Service>Tax Information>1098 Information.

Announcements and Inclement Weather News:

Please watch your email and the following social media outlets for University announcements during the semester and information on inclement winter weather:

Twitter: @moreheadstate

Facebook: @MoreheadStateUniversity

Instagram: @moreheadstate

Livesafe App: <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/livesafe>

We will have to continue to work as **One Eagle Team and focus on safely getting to the end of**

the Spring semester together. We proved we can be successful back in the Fall, and we are optimistic with everyone working together that we can do it again in the Spring. We hope you will help!

See you in a few days!