

December 21, 2020

Dear ThunderWolves:

We have an update on CSU Pueblo's plans for the Spring 2021 semester that we wanted to share with you today. We are committed to providing the best possible educational experience for you while keeping our campus and community safe. As the country, state and community continue to face a challenge with increased COVID infections, CSU Pueblo is implementing a new campus testing program, and devising an instructional and operational plan to better protect our Pack. This plan aligns with the state's COVID dial and lets you know how changing community factors will impact spring semester. A few items of note:

- Classes will **begin Monday**, **Jan. 18** via remote instruction for the first two weeks, with some exceptions for critical courses to be offered in-person. **Please expect contact from your instructors prior to the start of classes for details.**
- After the first two weeks, we will follow a plan presented here that dynamically adjusts to changing COVID levels in our state and community, using a model that includes online, hybrid and in-person instruction, as community infection rates change.
- Students living in university housing WILL be allowed to **return to campus beginning Friday**, **Jan. 15.** Expect additional communications from <u>Residence Life and Housing</u> regarding check-in procedures.
- Grab and go food options will be available in the Pack Café starting on Jan. 17 at 4:30 p.m.
- All faculty, staff and students who will be on campus will take part in the new on-campus testing program.

As we continue to work together through the tough environment created by the pandemic, we trust in your resilience and see the light at the end of the tunnel as the first doses of the COVID vaccines are being administered. Please know that our entire team is working to develop robust engagement opportunities that will provide an excellent student experience, both in-person and virtually.

Advising and Course Registration

If you need to register or make adjustments to your spring class schedule, don't delay. The longer you wait, the more likely the classes you want to take may be full. Returning students may contact their academic success coach or home department for assistance. Contact the <u>Pack Center</u> at 719.549.2584 to get started.

University Services

The University will be **closed for the winter break beginning at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 23.** Our **offices will re-open for remote operations at 8 a.m. Jan. 4, 2021**, which will provide two weeks of support and access for you as you finalize plans and prepare for classes beginning Jan. 18. The <u>Student COVID</u> <u>Resources page</u> is a great starting place for any questions you may have, and you should feel free to contact our offices at the main numbers listed below when offices are operating remotely.

Best wishes, Chrissy Holliday Vice President of Enrollment Management, Communication, & Student Affairs Office: 719.549.2997

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