

Monday Message

Jan. 3, 2022



President's Message

Dear all,

As 2022 begins, I had hoped and even anticipated we, our college, state, nation and world would have begun seeing the pandemic inch toward endemic status. Sadly, this is not yet the case. As folks know, we were hoping and planning to move into the spring semester with a mask-optional protocol – meaning faculty/staff discretion would guide classroom and office masking requirements. However, in response to the current variant surge we will push this safety protocol transition later into spring term; and launch the semester as we concluded the fall (i.e., masks required in classrooms, offices, etc.; and masks optional in the designated large air volume spaces: lower level labs of the Schweitzer CTE Center, diesel and welding labs of Wittman Complex and the Mechanical Technical Building, and the main and auxiliary gym floor areas). As previously communicated we have enough tests to fully onboard folks through January and anticipate being able to continue with testing availability through February and even March (note: we are trying to secure additional testing resources).

Vaccination and booster opportunities remain widely available, and combined with improved ventilation (recall we upgraded interior space filtration across campus over the summer), continuing our masks required protocol and weekly testing strategy, we will launch the spring 2022 semester -- beginning with our live and in-person All-Campus meeting, Thursday, Jan. 13, at 2-3 p.m. in the Silverthorne Theatre. *This meeting will not be streamed.* I anticipate being able to share information and implications derived from the Monday, Jan. 10, Governor's State of the State address, as well as early spring enrollment data.

Consistent with past practice, we will continue to monitor national and local data, information sources and recommendations, as well as consult with our colleagues at Public Health regarding our COVID-19 protocols. We'll provide an update on face covering requirements the first of February; and plan to review and reconsider every week to 10 days thereafter. Additional updates on our COVID safety protocols more generally (e.g., gathering limits, food, etc.) will be shared in next week's Monday Message and posted on our [coronavirus dashboard](#).

It is my sincere hope that you were able to enjoy some time with family and/or friends, eat good food, rest and relax over the holidays; and perhaps even garner some sense of renewal. I know the ongoing pandemic roller coaster is hard, frustrating, maddening, and exhausting. Be assured that I and we remain committed to our campus community, its health, safety, and the vitality of our education mission. So, here's to 2022 and our path forward together. Stay strong, Warriors. Stay strong.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **Jan. 11 – Tuesday at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two pick up again in January through Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation. Note: The President's travel schedule will impact some Tuesday at Two sessions. The Monday message will communicate updates.

- **Jan. 13 – All-Campus Meeting** – The Spring All-Campus Meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 2-3 p.m. **The meeting will be live and in-person in the Silverthorne Theatre.** It will be followed by the Spring Faculty Association meeting.
- **Feb. 4 & March 24 – Ask & Answer** – Ask & Answer will be held Friday, Feb. 4, and Thursday, March 24, in the SUB from noon-1 p.m. This is a live, in-person opportunity to visit with President Pemberton, ask questions and share information.

Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. In accordance with its [Operational Levels Matrix](#), LC State's current risk level is: Moderate.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there is **0** active cases and **0** students in isolation in campus housing.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** To schedule an appointment with Public Health - Idaho North Central District visit www.idahoprepmod.com or call 208-799-3100.
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** Thanks to a Workforce Development Council Grant, Lewis-Clark State College is currently running more advertisements for its Career & Technical Education programs than ever before. If you've driven around the LC Valley and region you've probably noticed one of the 13 different billboards touting the great careers available through our Technical & Industrial programs. In addition to billboards, a CTE mailer was sent to over 25,000 area mailboxes, a [commercial](#) is running on local television, and many targeted online ads are in place (see [samples on Facebook](#)). The early result is that we're seeing a huge uptick in CTE-related website traffic (86%), which bodes well for impacting enrollment efforts, especially for the fall. The CTE ad campaign will continue throughout the spring, including with an emphasis on Business Technology & Service programs. The "Do More" ad campaign, which covers all college programs, is also ramping up this spring and information about it will be provided in a later Monday Message.
- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[I'm Still Standing](#)" by Elton John

