

Monday Message

Jan. 11, 2021



President's Message:

Dear Campus Community,

Last week, we conducted our first round of COVID-19 testing for student-athletes and early arrival campus housing students. We contracted with a company called GENETWORx for this testing and members of our Nursing and Health Sciences faculty and athletic training staff volunteered to administer the tests. The results of the tests came back and, out of 104 people who were tested, none tested positive!

Our next testing date is Friday, Jan. 15. Tests will be administered in the Williams Conference Center. We are anticipating about 300 students will test that day (testing is focused on students living in campus residences, student-athletes, and students needing testing to participate in clinicals, teaching internships, etc.). We should receive the results of these tests on Sunday, Jan. 17, or Monday, Jan. 18.

As you likely recall, our [Operations Matrix](#) is tied to our campus housing isolation capacity. We have increased this capacity for the spring semester (we have increased our campus housing vacancies to allow for this). Even so, the testing outcomes could impact our start of the semester operational status. If we have a large enough number of positive cases needing to isolate in campus housing, we could have to start instruction remotely. We will be making that determination upon receiving the Friday, Jan. 15, test results (which means a campus announcement not later than the Monday Message on Jan. 18).

We are also pleased to announce that testing will be available for faculty and staff who would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Human Resource Services will send registration instructions and other information. Faculty and staff who test positive will be required to isolate at home for 10 days from the date of testing and may be able to telecommute as health and job responsibilities permit. **This is an optional opportunity.**

We learned a great deal over the course of the fall semester; and as science-based information evolved, we evolved our protocols and practices. Be assured we will continue to stay abreast of and responsive to science-based best practice information, recommendations and requirements. We and I will also make every effort to keep you informed and updated. Please read the Monday Message weekly and check in with our [coronavirus dashboard](#) (it is updated daily). Zoom in for a Tuesday at Two Q&A/conversation, and make a point of visiting with your division/department chairs and directors to keep abreast of information shared via President's Cabinet and Council; and/or ask a Faculty Senate representative (both the Provost and President attend these meetings routinely and share updates). It is my hope and goal to make sure that information and updates are readily available and reflect our ongoing real-time operations and status.

I know fall was challenging and frankly exhausting. Individually and collectively you and we were nothing short of extraordinary in terms of what we navigated and accomplished. You and your good work are recognized, valued and very much appreciated. Thank you and thank you and well done!

Spring will come. Sincerely and Warmly, Cynthia

Events

- **Jan. 12 – Tuesdays at Two** – President Pemberton’s Tuesdays at Two will continue through Zoom (<https://lscs.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation. **Special guest:** Human Resource Services.
 - **Jan. 14 – Virtual All-Campus Meeting** – The Spring All-Campus Meeting will be held virtually and streamed live on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 3-4 p.m. at <https://youtu.be/AULyGLN0a8k>. Questions can be submitted before or during the presentation by emailing them to news@lscs.edu with “question” as the subject line or by adding them in the stream chat area.
 - **Jan. 14 – Faculty Association Meeting** – As in previous years, the Faculty Association Meeting will take place right after the All-Campus Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021. Zoom Meeting ID: [915 1944 5480](#). Password: 609727.
 - **Jan. 18 – MLK and Idaho Human Rights Day of Service** – Join us for a virtual event beginning at 6 p.m. For details, [read the news release](#).
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Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lscs.edu/coronavirus. The page will continue to be updated with resources and FAQs. In accordance with its [Operational Levels](#), LC State’s current risk level is: Moderate.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there are **three** active cases and **no** students in isolation in campus housing. The college has had **four** confirmed cases this spring. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
 - **Testing:** Return to campus COVID-19 testing will continue on Friday, Jan. 15. GENETWORx will be on campus to conduct the testing. See the [Executive Summary](#) for details.
- **New Website:** Final work is being completed this week in preparation for the soft launch of the new website on Tuesday, Jan. 19. All supervisors are asked to do a final review with their website editor(s) this week and make any necessary edits. Additionally, all employees are asked to [create your profile](#) before launch. The current site will continue to run as our “primary” website until Feb. 15, with the new website running live alongside it. This trial period will give us an opportunity to identify and correct any issues before officially switching over. Help us help each other by communicating any issues you find to the department that manages the page in question.
- **Call for Proposals:** The 4th Annual Women’s Leadership Conference, "Leading Through the Unknown," will be held on March 5, 2021, and is seeking workshops and speakers that reflect on the distinct challenges women in leadership faced during the pandemic or in other crises. For more information on the event and how to submit a proposal [see the event flyer](#). Proposals must be submitted by Jan. 22.
- **Spring Parking Permits:** Spring Term parking permits are now available. If you have not yet purchased a permit for this year, go to www.lscs.edu/security to complete your registration. You may pay online or at the Security Office. Permits may be picked up at the Security Office located in Meriwether Lewis Hall. Parking permit enforcement will resume Jan. 19.
- **Warrior OneStop:** To help students start the semester strong, Warrior OneStop offices (Admissions, Financial Aid, Advising Center, Registrar/Records, and Student Accounts) will offer extended hours, remaining open until 6 p.m. on Jan. 11-14 and Jan. 19-21.

- **HR Updates:** For Warrior Wellness and Professional Development opportunities [view this week's flyer](#).

