

Monday Message

Aug. 23, 2021



President's Message

Dear all,

To bring my surveillance testing *test-drive* full circle, I thought it might be helpful to share what I experienced after my completed kit was shipped to the lab. As you may recall, I took the Vault test on Friday, Aug. 13, and my completed kit was dropped off at UPS late that afternoon. At 3:35 p.m. on Tuesday I received an email from Vault Health notifying me that the lab had received my kit. There were instructions in the email about what to do while awaiting results. In general they were/are helpful reminders. Note however, that item No. 1 advises staying home until the test results arrive, unless you have to leave and to wear a mask if you do. Given that we are engaging weekly surveillance testing and are **wearing masks in interior spaces when others are present**, unless items 2-6 apply to you (I'll let you discover what these are for yourselves as you engage the testing process), you and we do not have to stay home while we await the results notification. That said, the results came later that same night and by 9:19 p.m. I received the message pasted below. Don't forget, these Vault tests are available at [several campus locations](#). In the announcements below you will see some additional answers to questions we have been receiving.



Finally, do take another look at our [Seeds Planted](#) tower animation. It represents the various and numerous enrollment strategies (recruitment/conversion/retention) that go above and beyond “business as usual” that we initiated over the past year. In essence, the ways we have seeded our tomorrows. Also, take a quick read of the interview shared here: <https://evollution.com/attracting-students/accessibility/removing-barriers-to-accessibility-for-adult-learners/>. While it is focused on strategies in play at a two-year college, it offers encouragement to and for the seeds we've sown associated with our adult learner initiatives. A good read and encouraging to be sure.

That's the update. We can do this. Stay the course and stay Warrior Strong.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **Aug. 24 – Tuesday at Two** – Due to the SBOE meeting and President Pemberton’s travel schedule, there will not be a Tuesdays at Two this week.
 - **Aug. 25 – CHAS portable vaccination clinic near fountain area** – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (no registration required)
 - **Aug. 25 – Welcome Fair** – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
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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 are **two** active cases and **one** student in isolation in campus housing.
 - **Reporting Line:** If someone believes they were exposed to someone with an active case of COVID-19 or believes they are infected themselves, they should contact the campus COVID-19 Reporting Line at 208-792-2002 for guidance.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** To schedule an appointment with Public Health - Idaho North Central District visit www.idahoprepmo.com or call 208-799-3100.
 - **LC State Protocols:** The [Fall 2021 Outlook](#) is now available.
 - **Vaccination Challenge:** LC State is proud to partner with the White House and colleges and universities across Idaho and the country to support the [COVID-19 College Vaccination Challenge](#). The Challenge invites colleges/universities to make sure members of their campus communities know where to go to get a vaccine; and to lead and pave the way by helping to make vaccination options and opportunities readily available (e.g., our spring vaccine clinics, coordinated in partnership with Public Health, and scheduled in time for vaccination to be complete prior to the end of school, as well as soon to be announced fall on-campus vaccine clinics, are an example of our efforts to help put the pandemic in the past).
 - **Questions & Answers:**
 - **Q:** What is the campus COVID-19 reporting line?
 - **A:** If people have symptoms of illness, believe they have been exposed to COVID-19, or are confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, they should not come to campus and, instead, call 208-792-2002 for further assistance. Campus employees will be referred to Human Resource Services and students will be given guidance based on the information they share.
 - **Q:** If a student needs to quarantine or isolate, how will faculty be notified?
 - **A:** When a report of student illness or exposure to COVID-19 is collected by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the student’s schedule is shared with the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs who, in turn, will notify faculty members. Students are also encouraged to notify their faculty members directly to obtain instructions for keeping up with class requirements.
 - **Q:** Where can people obtain one of the Vault test kits we are using for our surveillance testing strategy?
 - **A:** The test kits are located at [several locations across campus](#). Details are provided on the [Coronavirus Resource Page](#).

- **Q:** Can people opt out of surveillance testing?
- **A:** YES! If people show proof of vaccination or submit a qualified exemption, they may opt out of testing. There are several campus locations at which people may present evidence of their vaccination status or submit an exemption request.

- **Q:** If I am vaccinated or have otherwise opted out of testing, may I use one of the Vault test kits anyway?
- **A:** YES! The test kits are available at no charge for people who may need or wish to be tested.

- **Q:** Are faculty permitted to enforce the current face covering requirement?
- **A:** YES! The current face covering protocol states that face coverings will be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status. If people forgot to bring a face covering with them, they may obtain one at several campus locations. The current face covering requirement will be in place at least until Sept.17.

- **Q:** Can employees or students obtain an exemption for the face covering requirement?
- **A:** Under certain rare and specific circumstances, accommodations may be made. These include using alternative face coverings. Students should be referred to Accessibility Services and employees should consult with Human Resource Services for more information.

- **All-Campus Meeting:** Watch the recording here: <https://youtu.be/rSnIMmA6mcQ>. We apologize for the technical difficulties and poor sound quality.

- **Training Day Feedback:** LC State held its Annual Compliance Training Day on July 28 and Human Resources would love your feedback. Please take approximately three minutes to [complete this survey](#) to assist in making any necessary changes for next year.

- **Writing Style Guide:** To support consistency in the college's internal and external written communications, the Communications & Marketing office has published a [Writing Style Guide](#). Please use this as a resource for all written college materials, including news releases, newsletters, promotions, websites, and social media.

- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[Count On Me](#)" by Bruno Mars. Click in and enjoy!

- **HR Updates:**
 - [Wellness Flyer](#) | [Weekly DHR Benefit Highlight](#) | [August Newsletter](#)
 - [SafeColleges Trainings](#) must be completed by Oct. 1. [Training Day Video](#).
 - **Warrior Wellness Release Time:** The Lewis-Clark State College Health & Wellness Committee is committed to helping improve the health and well-being of LC State employees. Achieving this goal ensures better quality of life for employees, higher productivity for the college, and better control over health care costs for everybody. To help achieve this goal, LC State's administration is allowing 60 minutes of Warrior Wellness Release Time each week for benefit-eligible employees. You can receive this time by filling out [this form](#).

