

# Monday Message

Sept. 8, 2020



**President's Message:** Dear All, we made it through the first two weeks with no confirmed cases in campus residences and a very low number (three) of confirmed cases overall. This is a tribute to the seriousness with which all of us adhered to summer travel protocols and limitations, approached pre-arrival quarantine, and campuswide protocol compliance (i.e., staying home when sick, face coverings, physical distancing, group limitations, personal and physical hygiene and cleaning, and making use of our coronavirus hotline: 208-792-2002. Congratulations to all and a most sincere thank you.

Last week I participated in a briefing call with presidents and chancellors across the country, hosted and led by Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator Ambassador Deborah Birx, and Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the CDC. Among the topics raised, protocol compliant behavior was repeatedly emphasized as the key to limiting and containing virus transmission. Additionally, Drs. Birx and Redfield urged us to emphasize and encourage the importance of annual flu vaccination. This year being especially critical to mitigating the threat of what is being called a "double-barreled respiratory virus season." Student Health Services has flu shots available. You can schedule an appointment for yours by calling 208-792-2251.

So, where do we go from here? Well, these next two weeks will no doubt be a reflection of our collective (students, staff, faculty and community) commitment to living protocol compliant lives on and off campus. The choices we made and make will likely be evidenced in the coming days and weeks. I remain hopeful, and committed to campus community health, safety and our education mission; and, was first in line for my annual flu vaccine.



Best to all. Stay the course, stay safe, healthy and strong.

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## Events

- **Sept. 8 – Tuesdays at Two** – President Pemberton’s Tuesdays at Two continue through Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation.
  - **Sept. 21 & Nov. 5 – Ask & Answer** – Mark your calendars, President Pemberton will host Ask & Answer sessions through Zoom on Monday, Sept. 21 (<https://zoom.us/j/96677081294>, password: 819196), and Thursday, Nov. 5 (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/98036081807>, password: 513884). Both will be from noon-1 p.m.
  - **Sept. 29-30 – LC Spirit Days** – Details are forthcoming on this two-day event to celebrate all things LC State.
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## Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit [www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.lcsc.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: Minimal.
  - **Cases Update:** The college has had three confirmed cases this fall. Currently there are two active cases and no students in isolation in campus housing. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
  - **Face Coverings:** [Updated Sept. 8] LC State requires all faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors, at all its locations, to wear a face covering when inside buildings, and also outside when social distancing cannot be maintained. The effectiveness of face shields continues to be evaluated by the CDC. As such, LC State will approve the use of face shields only under special circumstances. Though students and employees are expected to provide their own, face coverings will be provided to guests who do not have one and to students in the event they do not bring their own. [View CDC Guidelines for Selecting, Wearing and Cleaning Face Coverings.](#)
  - **Travel Guidelines:** Updated travel guidelines are now available. [View fall 2020 travel guidelines.](#)
  - **Warrior Wellness Pledge:** [Employees can view and sign the Pledge here.](#) Students will access the Pledge through WarriorWeb. **Update:** Over 2,000 students and 310 employees have already signed the pledge. Thank you!
- **BSN Accreditation Visit:** The LC State Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will host a site visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Sept. 16-18, 2020. A [virtual tour of Sacajawea Hall](#) has been prepared for this purpose.
- **Schweitzer CTE Center Construction:** “This week we take a look into a classroom and we can see that the project is marching towards the finish line. You may observe that windows are placed in the main corridor. This allows for more natural light to flood the building but it has another intentional purpose. The windows were installed to allow visitors, more specifically

potential future students, an opportunity to look into the classroom and labs. They will be able to observe the hands-on nature of the programs and witness what education looks like at LC State.” - Tom Garrison, Physical Plant Director



