Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: March 25

Warrior Family,

As you have probably heard, as a means to help prevent the spread of coronavirus, Idaho Gov. Brad Little issued a statewide stay-home order today, March 25. The order goes into effect immediately and will remain in effect for at least 21 days.

While this is a significant step, it does not come as a surprise and Lewis-Clark State College is well prepared because of our already implemented transition to distance learning and expedited process for employees to work remotely. The semester will continue and students will move onward toward degree completion.

As we implement the order guidelines, immediate implications for LC State include:

- The Fitness Center, Tennis Center, and KinderCollege are closed until further notice.
- Eating in the SUB cafeteria is no longer permitted. All orders will be serviced as carryout.
- Students who leave for spring break, should not return to campus.
- All students who work at LC State, including Work Scholars, should not report to work until further notice. Supervisors will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Only employees designated as “essential” to sustaining continuity of operations will be able to work on campus, and even these employees will be encouraged to work remotely when possible as determined in conversations with supervisors. Other employees will carry on, doing work that is both important and valued, remotely.
- Employees who cannot work remotely, and are not designated per definitions derived from the Governor’s Order, as “essential” to sustaining continuity of operations, will utilize leave, per the guidance of supervisors.

Please know, according to the Governor’s Order, the essential functions of educational institutions are still permitted, providing that social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible. As such, travel for purposes of receiving materials for LC State distance learning and other related services will continue; and some on-site interaction is still possible for coursework that requires it and follows the proper protocol. These arrangements will continue to be communicated directly between faculty and students.

As I did on Monday, I want to sincerely thank you for your continued efforts during this challenging time. Every day I’m hearing stories of how faculty, staff and students are finding creative ways to overcome obstacles, work together, and carry LC State into the future. Our future – your future – will be bright.

Stay strong, Warriors. Stay Strong.

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