

Monday Message

Nov. 2, 2020



President's Message: Dear Campus Community, first let me again thank you for your ongoing adherence to our safety protocols. While it is clear that case counts are escalating locally, regionally, nationally and globally, we are managing to maintain the safety of our campus spaces through protocol compliance.

Interestingly, we still get questions about how often the dashboard is updated and whether or not we are using metrics/criteria to guide operations. The answers are: (1) The dashboard is updated daily, Monday-Friday; and (2) Yes, the operational matrix includes specific metrics/criteria associated with our risk level assessment (color). Recall also that while we will complete the semester through remote modalities following the Thanksgiving holiday, the campus itself will remain open, with services and supports such as housing, dining, library, testing, student health, counseling, the Warrior OneStop (enrollment services), student advising, and division/dean/provost offices operationally maintained.

Spring semester will launch with instruction on Jan. 19, 2021. In preparation for a successful start, all employees and students are expected to take extra care to maintain proper safety protocols, including the use of face coverings and social distancing, over winter break. Residence hall students will have the option of an on-campus 14-day quarantine prior to Jan. 19, or on-campus PCR testing to take place Jan. 13-14. Details for residence hall students, student-athletes, and other high-risk groups will be communicated directly.

Beyond our ever-present COVID-19 reality, I want to take a moment to remind folks of our education mission and the shared values of civility, mutual respect and trust that ground our ability to pursue and support that mission ... helping us prepare our students "... to become successful leaders, engaged citizens, and lifelong learners." In the coming days we may see, even experience moments of unrest and discord. Let us be reminded of how critically important it is to engage our differences constructively, to stay present in our relationships and conversations – hearing and listening so that we can come to know, understand and appreciate, rather than simply waiting for our chance to respond; living our commitment to education access and inclusion, diversity, equality and the betterment of humanity. As I shared during a September Message: "These times truly require the best of us from all of us. Our future demands that we come together, be together, learn together, hope together, and together build a tomorrow that we can all be proud of."

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong, Warriors.

Events

- **Nov. 3 – Tuesdays at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two continue through Zoom (<https://lscs.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation.
 - **Nov. 4-7 – Alice in Wonderland** – The Theatre Program presents Alice in Wonderland: A Virtual Theatre Experience, which will be performed live online during Nov. 4-7 at 7:30 p.m. on the [LC State Theatre YouTube channel](#). See the [news release](#) for more details.
 - **Nov. 5 – Ask & Answer** – Mark your calendar, President Pemberton will host Ask & Answer on Thursday, Nov. 5, from noon-1 p.m. (<https://lscs.zoom.us/j/98036081807>, password: 513884)
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Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit 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: Moderate.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there are **12** active cases and **two** students in isolation in campus housing. The college has had **71** confirmed cases this fall. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
 - **Holiday Celebrations:** Holidays are a time when friends and family gather in celebration. Holiday activities that promote group gatherings, mixing of households, guests in the home, and travel, increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19. To enjoy your holidays safely, follow this [holiday celebrations guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease and Prevention. The CDC's [after the celebration](#) section provides guidance on returning to work after a holiday.
- **Institutional Report (Oct. 21, 2020):** [Watch LC State's Idaho State Board of Education Annual Progress Report](#) (note: LC State's presentation begins five hours in at 5:01:00)
- **LC Email Account Usage:** With the election right around the corner, this is a friendly reminder about your LC State email account's appropriate use. Email is essential to our everyday jobs, and we want to ensure that our employees understand the limitations of using their state email accounts. Before sending an email using your LC State email account, please be sure the email is for work-related purposes. If it is not, use your personal email account. Our goal is to protect our confidential data from breaches and safeguard our reputation and technological property. Refer to LC State Policy 1.203 if you have questions.
- **HR Updates:** For Warrior Wellness and Professional Development opportunities [view this week's flyer](#). And a reminder, if you haven't already, please finish your [SafeColleges Trainings](#).

