

Dear Campus Community,

Clarion University is pivoting to a primarily remote instructional model for the fall. This approach will decrease the population density on campus and ensure academic continuity for students by removing the possibility of a switch to remote learning later in the semester, should conditions warrant it.

Since March, we have worked to allow the return of students, faculty and staff to campus. As the University Reopening Planning Committee continued to monitor news about COVID-19, we determined the safest course of action is to move the majority of classes to remote delivery for fall 2020.

This decision allows students and their families, as well as faculty and staff, to plan the entire semester and keeps students on pace for graduation.

Classes that are currently scheduled to be offered online will continue online. Experiential classes including student teaching, clinicals, externships, internships, and co-ops will continue as scheduled.

All other classes will be taught remotely. Some courses will require students to log into their class at specific times to interact in real time with professors and other students; other courses will not require specific log-in times, but will have deadlines to complete coursework.

Our faculty and staff stand ready to ensure a positive university experience and to help students maintain their progress to graduation. Academic support will be available to help students navigate through the semester. The library, Student Support Services and computer labs will be open, adhering to health and safety protocols; some services will require appointments. The Rec Center, Tippin and Gemmell will also be open on a restricted basis.

University housing will be open for students who prefer that option. Students will self-screen before coming to campus and, once here, must adhere to established protocol. Those who plan to live in campus housing should arrive at their previously scheduled move-in time. Those who wish to withdraw from university housing may do so without penalty by completing the <u>Contract Release Request</u>.

Dining venues will be restricted and occupancy limits set for locations.

Details regarding financial adjustments will be available next week.

We know that you will have many questions. Please visit <u>www.clarion.edu/fall2020</u> for the most up-to-date information. An open forum is planned for 2 p.m. Monday. Watch your email for a Zoom invitation.

Wings Up!

Dr. Dale