

Letter from the Interim President, 5/29/20

Dear Campus Community,

We just wanted to send everyone an update on campus operations, given today marks our healthcare region's first day of Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Although the region has achieved this phase, this does not permit the college to re-open at this time. Our summer classes are scheduled and will be delivered virtually for the remainder of the summer. We have returned our custodial and maintenance staff members to campus, but we do not have any plans to re-open during this phase. Our healthcare region needs to achieve Phase 4 before we can re-open our campus for any type of daily operations or face-to-face instruction, according to the state's order.

The college has formed a re-opening committee and we continue to make plans for the remainder of the summer and the fall semesters. We are discussing numerous different scenarios, depending on when our region achieves Phase 4 and we can re-open the campus. Please know we are planning to re-open in a phased-in approach and are currently developing our priorities. Currently, our biggest priority is allowing our spring semester students who were unable to complete their course requirements online to return to campus following strategic safety protocols constructed by college personnel, including program coordinators, faculty, operations, and security. Our goal during this time is to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If you have a need to access campus, we ask that you continue to contact Campus Safety in advance to request permission. Our Wi-Fi lot remains open and available this summer, and anyone who needs access is welcome to come to campus and enter the lot next to the security building.

We understand this is a very frustrating time, given all the unknowns, and we do appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to find ways to serve our students in this remote environment with the outstanding academic and student support services they are accustomed to receiving from the college. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to campus, but we want to make sure we are following all safety protocols outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC, as well as following the orders of the state at this time.

We encourage everyone to continue to stay safe and well during this time.

Sincerely,

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