



COVID-19 2020-2021 Re-Opening Plan Phases Four & Five

Summary: At the time of this writing in mid-October, the College has operated in Phase 3 of its initial Re-Opening Plan for just over a month with great success. Three hundred and fifty-five students are currently residing on campus, a small but significant number of classes have transitioned to hybrid online/in-person delivery, and a wide range of co-curricular activities have returned to in-person function with safety precautions intact. Five students (4 off-campus, and 1 on-campus) have tested positive for COVID-19 during this phase, and institutional response, including contact tracing and isolation, has successfully limited the spread of infection.

Consideration is now underway regarding a possible shift to Phase 4, and the implications of such a shift are also being reviewed for re-opening at the start of the spring semester following winter break. The Co-Presidents, as advised by the College Executive Council comprised of administrative, faculty, staff, and student representatives will make these determinations. Moving to Phase 4 on November 1st would allow for Varsity Athletic competitions to take place in accordance with the modified conference schedule, and would also allow for expansion of campus-facing events and co-curricular activities such as music and theatre as deemed appropriate with safety precautions in place.

This document includes updated metrics and thresholds for movement to Phases 4 and 5. Assessment will take place prior to October 23, 2020, the deadline by which a decision will be rendered regarding a possible transition to Phase 4 effective November 1. The decision regarding which phase is best suited to start the spring semester should be made prior to November 20, 2020 in order to allow sufficient time for students, families, faculty, residential staff, and other stakeholders to prepare.

Updated Phases:

PHASE TWO - DISTANCE LEARNING, OPTIONAL RESIDENTIAL

A majority of courses continue to be taught online. Students have the option to apply to live on campus, or they can choose to live at home. No in-person extra-curricular activities will be offered. This phase is how the College began the school year on August 19.

- Metric:
 - COVID-19 prevalence rate in Canyon County and at the College stabilized or decreasing
 - Appropriate health and safety precautions established
 - Isolation capacity determined
- Timeframe:
 - Entered on August 19th
- Course/Activity Details:
 - Courses taught online
 - Optional residency with a capacity of 450
 - No in-person activities

- No visitors to Campus
- No off-campus institutional-sponsored travel
- Self-quarantine required for certain high-risk personal travel
- Grab-and-go dining

PHASE THREE - DISTANCE LEARNING AND SOME HYBRID INSTRUCTION, OPTIONAL RESIDENTIAL, AND LIMITED INPERSON ACTIVITIES (September 9, 2020 – Present)

Some hybrid (combined distance and in-person) class sessions, labs, field work, library and gym access, club activities, residence hall gatherings, art/theatre/music rehearsals, and athletic conditioning and practices are permitted when participants are able to wear masks and maintain physical distancing. Online offerings will remain in place for those not able to return to campus. A transition to this phase will be considered in September based on assessment of campus and local community conditions.

- Metric:
 - Demonstrable success during Phase Two
 - COVID-19 prevalence rate in Canyon County and at the College stabilized or decreasing
 - Community adherence to Yotepact
 - Isolation capacity sufficient
- Timeframe:
 - Entered on September 9th
- Course/Activity Details:
 - While all courses currently meeting online will continue to take place online, some classes may begin offering in-person meeting opportunities as well.
 - On-campus residency will be limited to 450.
 - Some opportunities will become available for in-person co-curricular activities, such as labs, field work, library and gym access, club meetings, residence hall gatherings, art/theatre/music rehearsals, and athletic conditioning and practices.
 - In-person classes and activities will be permitted only when participants are able to adhere to appropriate safety requirements, and the College will be limiting the size of these in-person events to no more than 50 people until further notice.
 - Process decisions about specific classes and activities will be made on a case-by-case basis, and communicated to you by your professors, coaches, administrators, ASCI, and other campus leaders responsible for particular areas, so look for updates in coming days.
 - No in-person meetings will be required of any student, regardless of on-campus or off-campus residency. Online offerings will remain in place for students, faculty, and staff who are not able to return to campus or who wish to avoid in-person meetings for any reason.
 - Campus dining will continue to be grab-and-go, and while the weather holds, no in-person dining will be allowed in Simplot and McCain cafeterias.
 - College-sponsored travel remains restricted until Phase 4.
 - Visitors to campus should continue to be discouraged due to the risk of outside exposure. Exceptions can be made in limited cases, such as prospective students and family members, etc.

PHASE FOUR - DISTANCE LEARNING AND SOME HYBRID INSTRUCTION, OPTIONAL RESIDENTIAL, EXPANDED ACTIVITIES, AND LIMITED TRAVEL.

Some hybrid (combined distance and in-person) class sessions. Many curricular and co-curricular activities suspended in earlier phases, such as music and theatre performances, athletic competitions, etc. will be allowed. Limited college-sponsored travel will be available. Online offerings will remain in place for those not able to return to campus. This phase will be considered in November based on assessment of campus and local community conditions.

- Metric:
 - Demonstrable success during Phase Three
 - COVID-19 prevalence rate at the College remains demonstrably lower than the prevalence rate in Canyon County
 - Sufficient isolation capacity for ongoing needs, plus the ability to increase isolation space to 85 beds (13% of 650) as needed
 - Sustained community adherence to the Yotepact is demonstrable.
- Timeframe:
 - Make decision on or before October 23, 2020
 - Enter on November 1, 2020
- Course/Activity Details:
 - While all courses currently meeting online will continue to take place online, some classes may continue or begin offering in-person meeting opportunities as well, as long as proper safety measures are taken.
 - Maintain campus residential occupancy capacity at 450.
 - Continue to allow in-person co-curricular activities, such as labs, field work, library and gym access, club meetings, residence hall gatherings, art/theatre/music rehearsals, and athletic conditioning and practices, as long as proper safety measures are taken.
 - Academic, athletic, and other co-curricular programs may start competition, but fans are limited to immediate family members of participants only.
 - No in-person meetings will be required of any student, regardless of on-campus or off-campus residency. Online offerings will remain in place for students, faculty, and staff who are not able to return to campus or who wish to avoid in-person meetings for any reason.
 - Limited in-person dining will be allowed in Simplot and McCain cafeterias.
 - Limited College-sponsored travel may be allowed.
 - Visitors to campus remain discouraged due to the risk of outside exposure. Exceptions can be made in limited cases, such as prospective students and family members, etc.

PHASE FIVE - IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, UNRESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL, EXPANDED ACTIVITIES, AND UNRESTRICTED SAFE TRAVEL.

Courses taught in person, all residents invited back to campus, expanded extra-curricular activities continue, and unrestricted safe travel possible, all with safety precautions in place as needed. This phase will be considered for the spring semester based on assessment of campus and local community conditions.

- Metric:
 - Demonstrable success during Phase Four
 - Vaccine available, and/or reliable information available regarding future distribution
 - Herd immunity declared, and/or reliable information available regarding future acquisition
 - Presence of COVID-19 in Canyon County and at the College is negligible

- Timeframe:
 - Make decision on or before November 20, 2020
 - If approved, effective on January 7, 2021
- Course/Activity Details:
 - All courses taught in-person or hybrid
 - Campus residential occupancy capacity for up to 650
 - All activity/travel privileges from Phase Four continue