

Dear Yote Community,

The College has been operating 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. Positive tests for COVID-19 remain well below established thresholds, and institutional response, including contact tracing and isolation, has successfully limited the spread of infection.

In light of these conditions, Presidents Brigham and Everett, in consultation with the Executive Council, have approved [transition to Phase 4 on November 1st](#). This transition will allow for Varsity Athletic competitions to take place in accordance with a modified conference schedule, and will also allow for expansion of campus-facing events and co-curricular activities deemed appropriate with safety precautions in place.

The transition does not have direct implications for academic instruction or the residential sector. Online offerings will remain in effect to accommodate students who do not reside on campus. Hybrid (in-person/streamed) offerings can continue to expand as deemed appropriate by instructors in consultation with administration. Students currently living in campus housing who wish to remain in residence for the spring will be assigned to the same room for spring term, and room and board charges adjusted accordingly.

Planning discussions regarding the start of the spring semester in January continue apace. The decision regarding which phase is best suited to start the spring semester will be made prior to November 20, 2020 in order to allow sufficient time for students, families, faculty, residential staff, and other stakeholders to prepare. Information regarding the implications of our opening phase for all sectors of campus, including residential, academic, food service, and others, will be provided at that time.

We wish to thank all members of the community for your adherence to the provisions of the [YotePact](#). Your actions have kept our community safe and enabled this transition to Phase 4.

Go Yotes!

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