

Colleagues,

President Mottet and his leadership team have been working diligently to prepare for any impacts from a potential federal government shutdown. In addition, I wanted to provide some information, (developed by our colleagues at the Fort Collins campus) that may be helpful to you, particularly those faculty and staff involved with federal research funding.

Generally, the impact of a shutdown on our daily operations is minimal; most university activities will proceed as normal and not be affected. The biggest impact, typically, is on federally funded research activities, where grant funding and proposal approvals can be impacted. CSU Pueblo's federal research and grant portfolio has grown, thanks to the innovative spirit and hard work of faculty and staff, and so the potential for some efforts that are supported by federal agencies to be impacted has also grown. If your work is, in fact, affected by the shutdown, you will be notified by your supervisor, and the University will work to develop individually appropriate contingency plans. At the CSU System, we will continue to work closely with President Mottet to keep you informed of further details regarding federal budgetary actions. We do not currently anticipate impacts to federal financial aid from a shutdown, as those have remained functional in previous shutdowns.

In the event of a government shutdown, CSU Pueblo has been notified that Fort Carson will be closing the education center. If a shutdown occurs, in-person classes normally held at the Fort Carson education center will continue online, via Blackboard. The Fort Carson Student Services Coordinator will be available through remote operations, or at Pikes Peak State College, room A223 by appointment or by calling 719-442-2264.

While we remain hopeful Congress will reach some agreement soon, the CSU System has managed through several government shutdowns in the past, of varying duration. We are in frequent communication with members of Colorado's Congressional delegation and other federal leaders, and we are evaluating the possible impact of a shutdown on our universities and their operations. On a personal note, we would also encourage any employees who are personally impacted by the shutdown to reach out to their supervisors directly.

Thank you, as always,

**Chancellor Tony Frank and President Timothy Mottet** 

**CSU FAQ on Federal Government Shutdown** 

https://source.colostate.edu/faqs-about-a-possible-federal-government-shutdown/