



Tuesday, June 16, 2020 | 6 p.m. MT

Dear CSU Pueblo Students,

The safety of our campus — of our students and of our people — has been at the heart of each and every decision CSU Pueblo has made during the worldwide pandemic. You have been patient, resilient, and engaged, and we are proud to be your institution of choice.

We know that you are eager to return to campus. We are too! We understand that your personal plans for fall may depend largely on your ability to be on campus: to attend classes, access student services, play and watch sporting events, and enjoy a vibrant campus life that ensures your continued health and safety, and that simultaneously offers you a superior educational experience.

## **WHAT WILL SUMMER LOOK LIKE AT CSU PUEBLO?**

**We are committed to you and your success.** We are working now to bring employees and all services back to campus this summer— in a staged manner, over time, and following protocols that help us ensure campus safety. Moreover, while we cannot say with certainty what fall will bring, we are confident that our new academic plan for fall is student-centered, incredibly flexible, and easily pivoted if the situation warrants; we are equally confident that our housing, dining, student life and support services, and our financial and business teams are ready to provide a stellar — in person — experience for students and employees this fall. So what does “in person” mean?

Beginning July 1, we will begin to bring 50% of our employees back to campus — at which time, we will begin the process to rehire work study students, who will return to campus beginning July 6.\*

### **HOURS OF OPERATIONS\***

Though service hours will be limited, on July 6, CSU Pueblo will open once again to the public. **Beginning July 6, campus will be open for LIMITED public access, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** in order to allow for staffing changes and mid-day cleaning of all offices and public spaces. Many common areas in campus buildings will remain closed at this time, and all visitors must enter campus through the designated screening site.

### **FOOD SERVICES**

We are proud to announce that the OSC Cafe (located in Einstein's) will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Dining services are available in a limited format and for pick-up and carry-out only.

### **INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS: RETURN TO PARTICIPATION, JULY 1\***

NCAA-permitted voluntary workouts will begin July 1 for Pack Athletics. Athletic facilities will open with safety protocols that have been approved by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. Student-athletes and coaches will be required to follow CSU Pueblo guidelines for daily check-in, screening, mask-wearing, social distancing, and cleaning protocols. Incoming and returning student-athletes will receive direct communication from the Athletic Department and coaching staff outlining specific steps to follow for return to participation.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING TO PROTECT CAMPUS AND STUDENTS?

New cleaning protocols have already been implemented, and Plexiglas locations will be identified and prioritized this week. Our reentry team is developing educational materials and is working closely with Student Life, legal counsel, and Human Resources to develop new employee policies and student code of conduct changes that would make the expectation for social distancing and mask-wearing standard during summer and fall.

Additionally, we are working closely with our health and wellness center teams to extend services to all employees and students this summer and into the fall semester, for a nominal fee.

### HEALTH SCREENING

Beginning July 1, a mandatory health screening checkpoint will be required for anyone coming onto CSU Pueblo property. The screening site will be open from 7 – 11 a.m. and 1- 5 p.m. at the lower entrance to the Administration Building. Please plan all arrivals to campus accordingly and bring a copy of your CSU Pueblo ID card or a photo ID and your Personal Identification number (PID). Please schedule your time on campus, including all departmental or division work study scheduling, accordingly.

All employees, students, and visitors are required to go through screening immediately upon arrival to campus and prior to accessing any location, building, or office at CSU Pueblo. **Face masks/face coverings must be worn by everyone while on campus.**

## WHAT WILL FALL 2020 LOOK LIKE AT CSU PUEBLO?

All fall planning is in development, but final public announcements are pending additional updates and guidance from the Governor, CDHE, and local public health officials.

### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

At this time, we are creating a new fall schedule that preserves all previously scheduled course days and times, but that expands the course schedule to include options for face-to-face, hybrid, and online classes in every department and program. Our goal is to provide you the maximum flexibility for classes — and provide you quality learning experience in many modalities. The last day of the fall semester will be Friday, November 20. After Thanksgiving Break week, all classes will move to an online or remote format. All final exams will be administered online or via remote methods.

Look for an updated fall 2020 master campus course schedule, with updated rooms and locations, on July 6.

Teams are working diligently to ensure tutoring services and all support options are available to every student in multiple modalities. Watch for video messages from Provost Mohamed Abdelrahman and Vice President Chrissy Holliday, on or before July 6.

### STUDENT LIFE: Residence Life

CSU Pueblo residence halls and student housing will be open! We are committed to following mandated safety protocols for common spaces, limited guests, and social distancing. We will have large triple and double rooms available and additional single rooms at an additional charge. And, to ensure our students' safety in the event of illness or an on-campus outbreak, we have dedicated 15 rooms for potential quarantine needs. Please contact Gwen Young at [gwen.young@csupueblo.edu](mailto:gwen.young@csupueblo.edu) for additional information.

## **STUDENT LIFE: Athletics**

In conjunction with CSU Pueblo fall face-to-face instruction plans, the Athletic Department anticipates a return for preseason training in early August for fall sports. Protocols are being developed with local public health officials to ensure safe activity for our student-athletes, coaches, and staff. Season ticket sales will begin in July. CSU Pueblo is developing safety standards with the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, NCAA, and local public health officials. Watch [www.gothunderwolves.com](http://www.gothunderwolves.com) for more up-to-date information.

## **STUDENT LIFE: Study Abroad**

After careful consideration and based on recommendations from public health and our CSU Pueblo leadership, study abroad and National Student Exchange programming will be suspended for fall 2020. More details will be forthcoming and all decisions are subject to change as our situation develops. Though campus plans for spring 2021 are still under development, if you are interested in traveling abroad, please contact Bonnie Fruland at [bonnie.fruland@csupueblo.edu](mailto:bonnie.fruland@csupueblo.edu) for additional details.

## **CONNECTING THE PIECES**

Certainly, this announcement today is not exhaustive. Many details are being worked out as we speak; teams are working through campus wide logistics, state wide possibilities, and inevitable roadblocks. And, though it is unclear what screening or check-ins may be required though the fall, or how our event spaces and common areas will operate under social distancing, CSU Pueblo is committed to establishing a safe in-person fall 2020 semester.

Our goal is to provide flexible course options, quality student advising and tutoring, accessible financial and business services, and a mix of face-to-face, hybrid, and online recreational, residential, and student life and support services across campus.

Make no mistake: no plan we make today will guarantee a return to “normal,” or to business as usual. Our current reality asks a lot of all of us, and our work will need to adapt as a result. We have much to learn, mistakes will be made, and in the end, we will grow as an institution.

With sincere wishes for your continued health and safety,



Dr. Timothy Mottet  
CSU Pueblo President

*\* Our July 1 return to campus date is based on guidelines provided by the State of Colorado, CDHE, and local public health officials and is subject to change without notice.*