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Dear ThunderWolves:

We hope you have had a productive summer and are excited about the semester start on August 24, which is rapidly approaching. We have been communicating with you since early July about the preparations we have been making for your return, and the precautions CSU Pueblo has been putting in place to support your safety and well-being on campus. Today, we want to share additional information that we believe will guide you as you make your final plans to join us on campus very soon.

Please know that while we have invested a lot of time and energy into preparing for the fall, it is important that we all remain flexible as we navigate these uncharted waters. **It is likely that unexpected challenges will arise this semester, and our ability to work together as a Pack, to trust in each other and our ability to solve challenges together, will be essential to a safe and successful semester.** We ask that you keep this letter and refer to it when you have questions, as we provide links to key resources that have been developed to support you in this journey. We have divided the student information below into sections by topic.

Protect the Pack

As you arrive on campus, whether you are living in the residence halls or commuting to join us each day, it is important to remember the key role that you play in the continued health and safety of our campus community. For this reason, we are asking every member of that community to take the Protect the Pack Pledge, which outlines the ways all of us will support the wellness of the Pack – washing our hands regularly, wearing a mask, avoiding large gatherings, monitoring ourselves for signs of illness, and reporting any potential exposures to the COVID-19 virus. The pledge is the first content page in the new [Pack Arrival Guide](#).

Arrival Guide

We know you have a lot of questions about what your experience will look like on campus this fall, and our [Arrival Guide](#) will serve as a one-stop resource for the most urgent information and most common questions we have received from students and their families. **Please take some time to review the guide and bookmark the link to it from your device, so you can access it easily throughout the semester as questions arise.**

Orientation

For our new students, orientation will be your full introduction to campus, teaching you to navigate all of the details that will allow you to have a successful start to your life as a ThunderWolf. There is a required online orientation, as well as an optional in-person experience that will adhere to all social distancing recommendations while allowing you to begin your campus involvement. In-person sessions are scheduled to begin Saturday, Aug. 22. For more information, visit our [Orientation](#) page.

Advising and Course Registration

If you need to make adjustments to your class schedule, or register for the first time, don't delay. The longer you wait, the more likely the classes you want to take may be full. Returning students may contact their academic advisor or home department for assistance. New students should contact the [Center for Academic Enrichment](#) at 719.549.2584 to get started.

Classroom Experience

As you know from previous messages, we spent time this summer carefully measuring our classrooms and adjusting maximum occupancy guidelines for each space to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We have also expanded our online and hybrid offerings to provide each student with flexible options for taking courses that keep you on your path to graduation. For those of you who will be taking in-person classes with us, please know that important work has been done, and enhanced cleaning protocols are also in place. You and your classmates, along with professors, will wear masks at all times in the classroom. Additional information about classroom expectations and enforcement of safety protocols and other conduct-related concerns can be found on the **Campus Services** page of the [Arrival Guide](#).

We invite you to learn more about the plans and any changes related to your academic experience that are specific to your college by viewing special videos from each college or school here:

[College of Health, Education and Nursing](#)

[College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences](#)

[College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics](#)

[Hasan School of Business](#)

[Division of Extended Studies](#)

Tutoring Support

As we shared in our last message, you can rest assured that you will have access to all university tutoring services for the entire fall semester. To better meet your needs, all tutoring centers at CSU Pueblo will be utilizing WC Online, a state of the art program, to streamline their tutoring support services. WC Online will create a one-stop-shop for students to easily navigate and schedule tutoring support, with opportunities available for safe face-to-face tutoring on campus, as well as online synchronous and asynchronous support. Learn more about this important resource [from this video](#).

Co-curricular Experience

The classroom experience is an essential part of your CSU Pueblo student experience, and so are all the rest of the things you will take part in as a member of our ThunderWolf community. It is important that you know our teams are committed to offering all of our students, whether you are fully in-person, fully remote, or taking a mix of courses this fall, access to the services and opportunities you expect from a college experience. That means both in-person and virtual student life experiences, ranging from drive-in movie nights to a socially-distanced outdoor dance party. [Welcome Week activities](#) are an excellent example of the creative approach our campus is taking to provide you with those opportunities to get to know your fellow ThunderWolves, and we invite you to stay informed about events throughout the year by following [@MyCSUPueblo](#) on Facebook and [@mysupueblo](#) on Instagram for event updates and information.

Our Student Recreation Center will be open for student use beginning Aug. 19, and you can learn more about their schedule and safety measures by visiting the [SRC web page](#). More details are included in the **Campus Services** and **Campus Events** pages of the [Arrival Guide](#).

Living on Campus

Residence Life and Housing (RLH) has undertaken significant preparations for students who will be living on campus for the fall semester. Details about the extensive precautions RLH has undertaken, and the assistance we need from our students to keep the housing community safe, can be found in the **Living on Campus** section of the [Arrival Guide](#). The guide also contains special information about [billing term dates for the fall](#), which allow us to offer flexibility in the cost of housing for students, depending on whether they need to remain on campus after Nov. 20. Additional information can be found on the [RLH web page](#).

End of the Semester

As shared previously, **the last day of in-person instruction will take place Nov. 20**. Students will not return to campus for classes once they depart for Thanksgiving Break, and all final exams will be completed remotely. Commencement is scheduled to take place Saturday, Dec. 12. Given the current public health situation, CSU Pueblo is making plans for a virtual commencement that allows our graduates to receive their degrees in a safe and responsible manner, while fully celebrating their success.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus in the coming weeks. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our offices at the main numbers listed below.

Best wishes,

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