

Campus Planning Fall 2020

June 12, 2020

Dear LSSU Community,

Since the effects of COVID-19 began affecting operations of Lake Superior State, a team drawn from across the University has been meeting consistently to discuss how we collectively respond to the pandemic. As we near a return to campus, we are pleased to share with you details of plans and responses that will be evident in the fast-approaching fall semester.

Over the remaining weeks of summer, we are planning the release of information under some common themes. You can expect approximately two releases per week, scheduled for Tuesday and Friday. The themes of communication will be as follows:

1. Safety Protocols, Workforce Training, & Campus Services
2. Academic Operations & Classroom Management
3. Dining
4. Housing
5. Student Organizations & Activities
6. Events, and Athletics
7. Testing Plan & Protocols

We are committed to resuming face-to-face classroom activities and campus operations in as safe a manner as possible, and in compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders and CDC guidelines. The information we provide is a result of several weeks of discussion, consideration, and consultation with state and local officials. The work of the group will be ongoing to ensure that we adhere to the most current guidance and developments.

Preparations have been underway, and you may begin seeing enhancements in buildings in preparation for the fall semester like hand sanitizer stations, handwipe dispensers, ingress/egress signs, and furnishings spaced to comply with social distancing expectations.

Our ability to have as safe a semester and year as possible will rely also on your support and participation. Much as the case has been for the past several months, we ask you to be mindful of maintaining six feet of distance between you and others, washing hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, and wearing masks.

We wish you a good rest of the summer, and we look forward to sharing information with you in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

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