

Fall 2020 Planning: Campus Organizations & Activities

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Dear LSSU Community,

The fifth in our Fall 2020 planning communiques focuses on **Campus Organizations & Activities**. The foundation for our plan is built upon the four pillars, shared in our first message:

1. **Social Distancing:** Maintain six feet of distance from those around you when possible.
2. **Mask/ Face Covering:** Wear a mask or face covering when in enclosed, public locations and/or when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
3. **Sanitization:** Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds multiple times each day or use hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol. Sanitize your desk, workstation twice daily, high-frequency touch surfaces, and living spaces with wipes found across campus.
4. **Personal/ Social Responsibility:** Actively encourage those around you to adhere to these pillars while doing so yourself. Remember, we are in this together and we all have a role to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

In the academic year ahead of us, we will continue to promote and support our student organizations and campus activities. Our commitment to a Superior Experience will be embodied by a wide array of programs that enact the four pillars and appeal to students on- and off-campus. We strongly encourage students to engage with campus organizations and participate in events on and around campus to promote their success and sense of belonging at LSSU. As part of the [“Get Here & Stay Here”](#) plan outlined in President Hanley’s May 7 email to the University community, we will offer a robust set of programs to help keep students engaged on-campus when they might otherwise return home.

Throughout the fall semester, we plan to hold as many in-person events (e.g., Lakerpalooza) outside as weather permits to promote social distance among participants. Using practices developed in the course of this past spring 2020 semester, we will offer programming with a virtual element to ensure a broad reach. With increased access to programming made possible through online platforms, we will be able to engage students who may choose not to join in-person, or who cannot join due to other factors.

Campus Life will continue to use the LSSU Mobile App by Involvio to allow students to register for and check in at events. The Mobile App will also help LSSU monitor capacity at events and maintain a waiting list when needed. Our events will have a capacity limit that will be noted on the app. Once at capacity limit the rest of the students will go on a waiting list and be sent the information to attend virtually, if available. The LSSU Mobile App can be downloaded to [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices alike.

The Student Activity Center (SAC) of the Norris Center has been reopened in accordance with guidelines from the State of Michigan. Plans for intramurals and other University Recreation programs will be developed for non-contact and contact sports. All offerings for intramural sports will be permissible as long as Executive Orders and public health guideline permit. At present, access is limited to the SAC, with plans to reopen Taffy Abel and other parts of the Norris Center for later in the summer. We ask patrons of the SAC to wear a mask when entering and exiting, and to sanitize exercise equipment before and after each use.

Student organizations should actively plan to have their standing meetings, as dictated by their individual organizational requirements. All in-person meetings should adhere to the Four Pillars safety protocols and capacity limitations of public health guidelines, and we encourage organizations to have online platforms available to ensure equal access for students to participate in an event. Because some rooms in Cisler have been repurposed for academic use, meeting locations may need to be held in different locations. Regardless of meeting location, students should sanitize their space before and after the meeting.

Travel related to student organizations may be possible and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In instances of approved travel, participants should continue to conduct regular daily health assessments and adhere to LSSU's Four Pillars and applicable public health guidelines.

This information is reflective of our current planning. Assessment will be ongoing, and updates will occur as necessary. We continually monitor the effects of COVID-19 on our operations and evaluate our response accordingly. As modifications are made, we will keep you updated. Safety is among our topmost priorities. Please embrace your responsibility to keep our community safe.

In light of our July 3 observance of the Independence Day holiday, the next planning communication will be next Tuesday, July 7.

Sincerely,

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