



April 22, 2020

Dear Students,

It is truly amazing how well all of you are doing with online classes! All of you continue to be engaged with a positive attitudes and spirits, as we work together to accomplish your goals. There is light at the end of this challenging tunnel, and we are closer every day.

Grants for Students

Some of you have heard about the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by congress. As part of the CARES Act, Central Oklahoma College will be receiving a grant to pass on directly to our **Title IV eligible** students. We have submitted our application, and waiting for funds to be dispersed into our federal account. Once we receive the funds, we will immediately distribute some of the funds to our **Title IV eligible** students, along with an application for you to fill out to determine if you are eligible for additional funds. We know you have a lot of questions such as: How much will I receive? When will I receive the money? We don't know the answer to these questions until we receive the funds, so we ask for your patience and assure you we will move very quickly once we receive them.

When will we return to campus?

That is the big question for all of us, and we are all very anxious to return to normal. We are monitoring daily, the state and national progress regarding opening up American. We will obviously follow our state regulations with the safety of our students, faculty and staff in mind. We are working on cleaning and safety protocol that will most likely involve daily temperature checks, frequent hand washing, cleaning of widely used surfaces, and the wearing of masks. **We encourage all students to work on acquiring or making your own masks since they are very difficult to find at this time.**

We are currently scheduled to return to the campus May 4, 2020, however will remain flexible with that date, as things change. Our main priority will be to have students return for the hands-on portion of the program, possibly with alternate days and schedules for social distancing. We may continue the online theory classes a bit longer as we slowly transition. **Either way Central Oklahoma College is ready to make sure your education will continue.**

Helpful Links

There is some very helpful information from the CDC regarding managing stress and coping

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

Another helpful link is the Oklahoma State Department of Health which give daily updates on the status of the Coronavirus in the state <https://www.ok.gov/health/>

Contact Us

Remember we are here for you. That means if you just need someone to talk to its ok, call us. All of our faculty and staff are available if you have any questions.

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Best,
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and
Laura Grisso, Campus Director