

May 14, 2020

Dear Students,

For almost two weeks now some of our scheduled graduates, and medical students have been back on campus completing their hands on training. The transition has been very smooth, and students are so excited to be moving forward with educational plans. This has been possible because all of you have been able to adapt so well which is a true sign of your ability to be flexible personally and professionally

Our timeline is as follows, but certainly subject to change if the governor and/or mayor see a need for change. With that in mind this is our general plan for the month of May.

- 1. We will continue all theory classes on line via Zoom along with google classroom, for the month of May to allow for more social distancing on campus.
- 2. All student's will return on campus next week (May 18th) for your lab and hands on training. You will be contacted by your instructors, and advised of your schedules. Schedules will vary to help with social distancing.
- 3. We will continue to update you regarding additional safety and sanitizing processes such as wearing face masks, hand washing and ongoing sanitation of the campus.

Grants for Our Students

In our updates the last 3 weeks, we discussed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by congress and signed by our president. As part of the CARES Act Central Oklahoma College will be receiving a grant to pass on directly to our **Title IV eligible** students. **The purpose of this grant is to assist students with the costs associated with continuing in school during COVID-19.** Some of you have asked what is a **Title IV eligible student**? A title IV eligible student is a student who has completed a FAFSA, and is eligible to receive either Pell grants and/or students loans. As of Thursday, 5/14/2020, we have not received the funds yet. We are frustrated but have received confirmation this week from the Department of Education indicating that they were working diligently and things were starting to flow. Once we receive our funds they will be disbursed to you within 1-2 business days.

Ouestions

If you have any additional questions about returning to school, your financial aid or anything at all, please contact us, that way we can answer any questions you have that pertain directly to you. Each student has a unique set of circumstances, and we realize that general information doesn't always address your unique situation. Our contact information is listed below. All of our faculty and staff are available if you have any questions.

School Phone 405-609-6622

Current Students email us at studentservices@centraloc.edu or

text us at: 405-465-9872 or 405-465-7804

Financial Aid email us at <u>financialaid@centraloc.edu</u>

We are very excited to see all of you again!

Michael Pugliese, President & Laura Grisso, Campus Director