



May 7, 2020

Dear Students,

First Week Back

As you know this week was our first week back for a limited number of students who needed to complete their lab and clinic work in order to graduate. We are pleased to report that the transition went very smoothly and thank all those involved. Our transition plan for the month of May, is outlined below and is on schedule.

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. Students that have been scheduled to graduate this month, or scheduled for clinicals will return the week of the 4th and 11th and will be contacted with schedules by your instructors.
3. All other student's lab and hands on will begin on campus the week of the May 18th. You will be contacted by your instructors, and advised of your schedules.
4. Next week we will also be informing you of additional safety and sanitizing processes that will be in place when you return such as wearing face masks, hand washing and ongoing sanitation of the campus.

Grants for Our Students

In our updates the last two 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. 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. **As of Wednesday, 5/6/2020, we have not received the funds yet. We too are frustrated, but on a call this week the Department of Education indicated that they were working diligently and things were starting to flow. We are hopeful to have good news any day now.**

Below please find additional contact information you may need, as well as some helpful information regarding the Coronavirus. 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.

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 financialaid@centraloc.edu

Another important 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/>

We are very excited to see all of you again!

Michael Pugliese, President &
Laura Grisso, Campus Director