

SMSU Community,

Thank you for the outstanding work you have done these past couple of months to quickly respond and adapt in order to successfully complete our spring semester. Students, faculty and staff have all shown a remarkable resilience and willingness to make changes for the ultimate success of our students.

I am pleased to announce that Southwest Minnesota State University will resume on campus operations for the fall 2020 semester. We will be ready to welcome students with a focus on providing the best academic and student life experiences while still providing a safe environment for learning. We are preparing to offer a variety of options for course delivery including face to face, online and blended or hybrid formats. We will be prepared to adapt as necessary to safely serve our students. Residential life staff are exploring the best ways to have students return and live on campus next fall and have all the services necessary for a meaningful campus experience. We will continue to follow CDC, state and system office guidance as we plan for fall semester.

Over the next few months, I encourage you to stay engaged as plans unfold and a more clear direction is provided. We know that this pandemic is constantly changing and we will continue to plan and prepare with the safety and well-being of everyone in mind.

Thank you for all that you do for SMSU and I look forward to seeing all of you back on campus soon.

Sincerely,

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