



Memorandum

Date: April 16, 2021
To: All Lakes Region
From: College Leadership Team
Re: Change in operational status

Dear #LRCCFamily:

We want to update the campus community about the operational status for the remainder of the Spring 2021 term. The region and state are experiencing a steady upward trend in positive Covid-19 cases for a little over a month. This most recent surge in our state seemingly began in early March and is now about double the number of daily new cases since that point in time. Closer to campus, there are nearly 150 overall active cases in Laconia (54) and the surrounding towns (92) as of this announcement.

Given the above information, and per our reopening plan, **Lakes Region Community College will remain in yellow status through the remainder of the semester.** As a reminder, "Yellow" alert status means that lecture-based classes will remain remote, and the campus will remain closed to the public. Classes with laboratory components will be able to meet on campus with safety protocols in place. Offices will be open with limited staffing. Staff (excluding Maintenance, Campus Safety, and IT) should plan to work two days on campus and three days remote. Please work with your supervisors to coordinate schedules to ensure appropriate coverage for the unit.

The CLT is aware that this may prove challenging for the educational end-of-the-term activities such as final exams. If you are teaching a course that is not meeting on campus but has a required final exam that cannot be given remotely, please meet with your department chair to discuss options. If there are no alternatives, the department chair may forward the request to VP Patrick Cate for approval. Approvals will only be granted with background information that adequately describes the circumstances requiring an on-campus meeting and the safety measures considered for the campus meeting.

We want to thank you all for your cooperation. While we know this is not how we wanted to end the term, we feel this is the right decision based on the circumstances and the guidance in our reopening documents. Please remain vigilant with your handwashing and social distancing. Masks are available to anyone who needs them. Please reach out if you/your department need additional PPE. We especially ask those that are on campus to model behavior for each other and our students. Masks must be worn on campus as a campus policy and worn in a way that covers both your nose and mouth. Following these guidelines and increasing numbers of people in our community who are vaccinated will get us all that much closer to Covid-19 no longer impacting our campus and community.

Be well,

College Leadership Team