



Memorandum

Date: May 7, 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 start of the summer term.

Statistically, it looks like the number of positive covid-19 cases in the State and region is in a fairly steep decline. On May 5th, there were 198 new cases reported in the State and only 87 active cases in total in our county. This compares to the nearly 500 new cases Statewide per day we experienced in late March and early April.

Given the above information, and per our reopening plan, **Lakes Region Community College will return to “green” operational status beginning on Monday, May 17th, the first working day after commencement.** This operational status will continue until otherwise notified. The CLT will continue to monitor the situation and update the campus as needed. It is our sincere hope that we will continue to be able to reduce the covid-19 protocols.

This change means that summer classes will be held as scheduled. Staff should work with their supervisors for an updated on-campus work schedule. Full-time staff who were working remotely should be working on campus a minimum of four days per week. Part-time staff should work on campus during their scheduled hours, up to four days.

There is one note of change from our traditional green operation as we move into the summer months. Public groups will be allowed to utilize our space with prior approval from the CLT. Groups will generally only be approved at a count of 10 or lower. Prior scheduling will be required. Admissions tours may be given to groups of up to 10 through the admissions office.

Looking at the increase in vaccinations, the coming summer months, and the decreasing case numbers, the outlook towards a more normal operation is finally looking positive. We are so close to the end that we do not want to lose ground during these last waning times of covid-19 impact. 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. These steps make a much more normal fall semester more likely.

Be well,

The College Leadership Team