



# Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

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Happy first day of classes, Lumberjacks!

We are thrilled you are ready to begin a successful new academic year and grateful for the precautions you are taking to care for yourself and others. We know things may look a little different, and we will continue to work together to promote the health and safety of our campus and community while providing the college experience you expect at NAU.



In addition to the information found on the [Jacks are Back website](#), I have a few additional updates to share to help ensure a successful start to the fall semester.

- Visit [NAU Healthcheck](#) and take your daily health assessment. Before arriving on campus or participating in campus activities each day, all students, faculty, and staff must complete this COVID-19 assessment. NAU Healthcheck will help us return to campus safely and assist our community in reducing the spread of COVID-19.
- A number of new technologies are available to track exposure, save your spot in line, and safely order food. [Learn how NAU's technology updates will support health while prioritizing our educational mission.](#)
- This week, we opened a free walk-in COVID-19 testing site on campus, and administered more than 230 tests on day one. Visitors had a five-minute wait time, testing averaged just four minutes, and results will be available 24 to 72 hours after the lab receives the test. I encourage all students, faculty, staff, and community members to take advantage of this testing opportunity at NAU's University Union Fieldhouse, 1050 Knoles Drive. More information, including how to preregister, can be found on the [NAU testing surge site](#).
- NAU is providing care kits for all faculty, staff, and students. These kits include masks, hand sanitizer, and a thermometer for students. First-year students will receive their care kit when they pick up their Jacks Card. Upper-division students will receive theirs at check-in for on-campus housing, or at the Union or duBois information desks.
- To help address your questions and concerns, we are launching the COVID Information Center on Friday. Please call (928) 523-7700 or email [COVIDinfo@nau.edu](mailto:COVIDinfo@nau.edu).

Do your part, stay safe, and let's have a great semester!

Sincerely,



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President