July 2, 2020

Dear Lumberjacks,

As we head into the Fourth of July weekend, I would like to focus on actions we are taking to educate our faculty, staff, and students on the most important steps the university is taking, as well as what they can do personally to address campus health and safety as we continue our preparations for the fall semester.

- To prepare for a safe return, we have created a comprehensive training module that all of our faculty and staff will be required to complete. If you are an employee currently working on campus, the training module must be completed by Monday, July 6. If you are still working from home, you must complete the training before returning to campus. The training module can be accessed by logging into Blackboard Learn and selecting “Safe Return to Campus” under the “Courses” tab.

- Across campus, we are working to ensure that appropriate signage is in place in NAU buildings to remind all of us about face mask usage, physical distancing, and personal hygiene and sanitation. These actions are key to help protect all Lumberjacks. I’m pleased with the range of signage we have developed, and as we move forward with production, I want to share some of what you’ll be seeing around campus. View our photo gallery on the COVID-19 signage page.

- While our adherence to policies and protocols on campus every day is vitally important, we also must maintain restrictions on travel in order to further reduce the potential for the virus to spread due to Lumberjacks coming in and out of Flagstaff. As a consequence, we are maintaining our restrictions on non-essential business domestic and international travel indefinitely for all NAU students, faculty, and staff. Any travel that is deemed essential will continue to be reviewed and approved in writing at the Vice President/Provost level.

Have a safe, restful, and rewarding holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing you on campus very soon.

Sincerely,

Rita Hartung Cheng
President