



CLARION UNIVERSITY **SPRING 2021 UPDATE**

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Dear Campus Community,

I am excited to announce that we plan to *Spring Back* and expand the on-campus experience for the spring semester! That will include a combination of face-to-face, hybrid, remote learning and fully online, as well as increased student life and athletic opportunities. All information related to the spring semester is designed to provide a safe campus community and will be housed and updated at clarion.edu/spring2021.

Throughout the fall, we have continued to monitor national, state and local data related to COVID-19. *Because of adherence to face covering and physical distancing requirements, a very low occurrence of the virus has been reported among the students who chose to live in on-campus housing this fall.* Likewise, reported cases among employees and off-campus students have also been low.

I thank our students and employees for their diligence. They have demonstrated the effectiveness of the safety measures, and they have set a precedent for responsible behavior. By continuing these practices, we are confident that Clarion University can safely increase the number of students who live on campus and return to a moderate level of face-to-face instruction while maintaining the low infection rate. *We must remain vigilant, and we must be flexible, should the situation change.*

Following is information for the semester; details will be posted as they become available, so check the website often.

Spring 2021 Calendar

Registration for winter intercession and spring 2021 begins Monday, Nov. 2. The spring 2021 semester will run Jan. 25 through April 30. Final exams will be administered May 4-7. To minimize the risk of increased infections, there will be no spring break.

Academics

Classrooms have been set up for hybrid delivery, so if students do not feel comfortable taking classes in person, they may continue to learn remotely. Classes will fall under one of four categories:

- Face-to-face (F2F) – Course meets on campus on the days, times and room listed on your student schedule.
- Multimodal – Students choose to complete the course face-to-face or attend via Zoom at the scheduled time of the course.
- Live remote – Course meets online via Zoom on the days/times indicated on your student schedule.
- Online 100% – Course is entirely online.

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Classrooms will be sanitized extensively and set up for proper physical distancing. Faculty have the option to provide instruction remotely, in whole or in part, and other employees whose work permits it will continue to work a partial remote schedule.

If students have questions about the modality of their selected courses for spring 2021, we encourage them to reach out to their academic advisors, student success coaches in the *[Center for Student Outreach and Success Coaching](#)*, or department administrative staff.

On-Campus Housing and Dining

To maintain recommended physical distance, approximately 900 students will be permitted to live in on-campus housing this spring. Students choosing on-campus suites may opt for single occupancy rooms at no additional charge. Housing sign-up will be first-come, first-served; information will be emailed to students to notify them when the process will begin, and updates will be posted at *clarion.edu/housing*.

Modified housing and dining policies will allow proper physical distancing and will accommodate students who need to isolate or quarantine. Learn more in the *[Residence Life Handbook](#)* and on the *[dining webpage](#)*.

Student Life

We are looking forward to having more activity on campus as we Spring Back. The responsible behavior of our campus community makes it possible for us to allow more in-person events and activities in the spring semester. While event sizes will be limited by modified room capacities, there will be opportunities for gatherings to take place in Gemmell Student Center and in the residence halls. Our student organizations and community assistants are excited to connect more fully with our students.

We are also excited to have our athletic teams back in action as our fall, winter and spring sports are planning to have on-campus competitions this spring. As always, our Recreation Center will be a place for our students to stay active, and we will expand dining options as well. More details will be shared when planning is complete.

Testing

Extensive COVID-19 testing protocols will be in place. The university will notify students about testing options, the timeline for testing, and how students will be cleared to be on campus. Students planning to live on campus, participate in any on-campus classes or events, or utilize any university spaces in the spring 2021 semester will be required to complete the testing protocols.

As always, our priority is the health and safety of students and employees. Please keep in mind that plans could change should health and safety conditions warrant, and visit the *[website](#)* frequently for the latest information. We are confident that through implementing and adhering to these safe practices, we can have a successful spring semester. We are Golden Eagles, and we will soar.

Wings Up!

Dr. Dale