

After Thanksgiving and Travel

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Over the last couple of months, all of you have done a great job in making sure our students, staff, and faculty are safe during this pandemic. With some hard work and a little bit of luck, we have been able to hold our classes as normal as is possible.

With the upcoming break for Thanksgiving, I have had several people (both inside and outside the college) ask me what we plan to do with the students coming back and about college travel. After meeting with Cabinet and getting input from instructional staff, this is what has been decided.

1. Most of our classes will finish the semester remotely after Thanksgiving. This means the last two weeks of classes including finals will be done with students remotely, not on our campuses.
2. We have a few exceptions to this including Aviation Maintenance, Aviation flying if we have instructors available, Automotive, and NPS will be on campus for an additional undetermined amount of time. These students will finish out on our campuses.
3. This decision has no effect on our plans for the spring. **WE PLAN TO HAVE IN PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL PROGRAMS AND BOTH CAMPUSES STARTING AGAIN IN JANUARY.**
4. For those students in housing, if they do not have a place to go for the Thanksgiving break, they will be allowed to stay in our residence halls but the classes will still be remote.
5. Our faculty will be able to work from their offices or from home, whichever is best for them.
6. College travel will be restricted even between campuses. If you must travel, please get the authorization from your supervisor and your travel must be essential. We are doing this through the end of this semester (for staff through the end of December).

As I said before, you all have done a great job of keeping everyone safe. This has not gone unnoticed by others outside of our campuses. From our health departments to our hospitals, we have received compliments on how we have handled this situation. In one conversation it was even mentioned that we are a model for others. So I want to say thank you. None of what we have accomplished, especially this fall, could have been done without everyone's dedication and resilience.

Keep it up.

Ron Granger