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Press Release

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The Wyoming Community College Commission is actively monitoring rapidly developing events related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. We continue to work closely with Governor Gordon's Office, the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security, and the Wyoming Department of Health. Out of a significant sense of caution and concern for the welfare of students, faculty, staff, and the communities we serve, all necessary information is quickly relayed to Wyoming's seven community colleges. Below is an update, and link, detailing proactive steps currently underway at each institution to limit the potential spread of infection. Visit the campus websites listed for the most current information.

Casper College – <https://www.caspercollege.edu/coronavirus/>

- Classes are planned to resume in-person for the fall semester.
- Many events have been canceled and services are limited. Casper College housing and dining are open to students only; contact Casper College to inquire about specific events.
- Students should regularly check their email for direct updates.

Central Wyoming College – www.cwc.edu/coronavirus

- As of June 23, all visitors to campus are required to fill out a Daily Wellness Screening Form.
- All college campuses will remain closed to public events.
- Most CWC employees will remain working remotely while operating CWC's virtual campus functions. The few essential campus services that require employees to come to campus will follow all COVID-19 health recommendations and will adhere to protocols listed in the employee Internal Operations Form.

Eastern Wyoming College – <https://ewc.wy.edu/alerts/>

- The Torrington campus received approval to reopen on May 18. The Douglas campus received approval to reopen on May 26. Safety screenings and observation of social

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distancing guidelines and policies is required for all in-person visitors, students and employees.

- Summer hours will be observed from May 18 through August 7: M-Th: 7:30am to 4:00pm, and Friday: 7:30am to 12pm.
- Testing: Only Accuplacer exams will be available from July 1-August 1. Arrangements should be made by contacting the college.
- The Cosmetology and Barbering Clinic floor will reopen for clients on a limited basis beginning Tuesday, May 19 by appointment only and with enhanced screening of clients. Patrons can call 307.532.8265 for an appointment.
- Beginning May 18, the EWC Fitness Center will reopen with limited hours and safety protocol. Hours will be Monday – Friday, 5:00 am – 9:00 am and 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 6:00 am – 10:00 am. No more than 9 patrons can be in the facility at any given time. Patrons will be asked to complete a Patron COVID-19 Symptom/Tracing Form daily upon entry into the Fitness Center. Patrons are required to wear protective masks while on the EWC campus and in the Fitness Center.

Laramie County Community College – <http://www.lccc.wy.edu/virus-information.aspx>

- LCCC has begun "Return to Business" Phase 1 protocols, effective June 1-August 14.
- All summer 2020 courses will be offered in a virtual format.
- A majority of the college's physical operations will remain closed. Employees who are able to work from home will continue to do so.
- All employees, students, and visitors shall wear a face covering while on campus, especially when social distancing is not possible.
- Gatherings of groups of 25 or fewer are permitted in accordance with appropriate guidelines; larger gatherings may be permitted with appropriate approval.
- Areas wishing to reopen on a temporary or permanent basis must request formal approval to do so.

Northwest College – <https://nwc.edu/covid-19/>

- The college is extending the closure of campus buildings. The Orendorff Building is now open to the public but all other buildings remain closed until further notice. Online and remote instruction will continue through the summer 2020 semester (June 8 - July 22).
- The college is in "Phase II - Level 5" and aligned with those protocols from the reopening plan. The entire reopening plan can be found on the website -- reference pages 5-6 for details on Level 5 protocols.
- Residence halls are open with significant restrictions and limitations on access.
- Even though the library building is closed, they are open "digitally" and the librarians are there to assist the students.

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- Unless specifically announced, all on and offsite College travel, events, and conferences for students and employees are being cancelled or postponed.

Northern Wyoming Community College District (Sheridan and Gillette College) –
<https://www.sheridan.edu/updates/>

- All classes, including in-person and regularly scheduled online classes, will begin one week earlier than originally planned. Fall semester classes begin on Monday, August 24, 2020.
- Fall semester courses will be offered in-person, but the in-person component will conclude prior to Thanksgiving. The remainder of the semester will be held in online format, with the semester concluding on December 10, 2020.
- As of June 10, NWCCD began Phase II of their reopening plan. In-person services will be available for visitors and students, in addition to Zoom appointments.
- On each campus, visitors will only be able to enter through main entrances, and social distancing is required at all times. Hand sanitizer will be readily available to visitors, and spaces will be cleaned between uses.

Western Wyoming Community College –
<https://www.westernwyoming.edu/resources/coronavirus.php>

- The upcoming fall and spring semester calendars have been adjusted to ensure learning outcomes are not compromised by the pandemic. In-person coursework will conclude prior to Thanksgiving, with virtual instruction being utilized for the remainder of the fall semester.
- For additional updates, please visit the webpage above. It is updated weekly.