

Hello Matadors -

We're coming to the end of our second week of Summer classes.

First off, I need to update you on our essential team that was hit hard with COVID-19. **We now have 8 confirmed employees test positive from this team** (we notified campus about four of them in last week's emails.) So this week we had 4 more cases confirmed. We also had 18 people that tested negative. All 8 of our employees are resting and recuperating at home, and we're sending them our best wishes for good health. My thanks to Steve Eckert and Sharon Register for their continued leadership with this team, and for Karen Johnson for meeting last week with the team and encouraging the members to get tested. This team really cares about each other, and about not spreading this illness to co-workers or the community.

As you know, because of this situation, last Friday we shuttered our campuses in Yuma County for one week, even to our essential teams. **That lifts this Monday, June 8**, but if you are coming out to campus, I strongly urge you to limit contact with others, maintain distance, and consider using a face covering if you are going to be in the proximity of other people. We need to take care of each other. Thank you for your consideration for others.

On Monday, we announced our **Fall Instruction plan**, designed to keep people safe AND help students reach their goals, and the [details are here](#). We are watching our [local health data](#) as we contemplate our tiered **Back-to-Campus plan**, which has been pushed into July. We're planning a [Facebook live](#) on Wednesday, June 17 at 2pm for more information on both plans, and of course we'll send the detailed information out in an email, as well as posting all updates and emails on the [azwestern.edu/covid](#) webpage.

I'll close with some great news - I've received word from our Institutional Effectiveness and Research department that **our student success rates this Spring very closely align with last Spring** (A, B, C, credit, pass), and in fact, once our students who took an Incomplete have a chance to finish their coursework, it is very possible we will match or exceed the highest success rate we've ever had. This is due to the creativity and tenacity of our faculty, the passion of our support teams, and the resiliency of our students.

What we did was incredibly hard; this success speaks volumes for our ability to adapt, pull together and serve our students. **I could not be more proud of you.**

Stay healthy and take care of each other.

Best,

Dr. Daniel P. Corr
President, Arizona Western College

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