Dear CSU Community:

Thank you all for your patience as we currently navigate fall while planning for spring. Plans for spring semester have been decided in collaboration with various groups across the University. This communication provides a high-level overview of these plans. We will continue to work with Larimer County Public Health and remain prepared to respond to and change our plans based on local and state guidelines. As always, our top priority remains focused on the health and safety of our community.

**Spring Semester Schedule**

Spring semester will start as originally scheduled – **Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**

Recognizing the potential for a high level of fatigue, a full week of spring break will be maintained. Based on public health recommendations, we will move it to four weeks later than originally scheduled. **Spring break will be shifted to April 12 – 16, 2021.**

After spring break, all course instruction and exams for the remaining three weeks of the semester and finals week will be delivered remotely. The timing of final exams will remain unchanged and are scheduled for the week of May 10-14.

This adjustment will help eliminate additional risks of exposure for the community that could result from extensive travel during spring break. Additionally, we have been in communications with the local school districts to try to coordinate our spring break dates. At this time PSD is not prepared to make a decision on their spring schedule, but we feel it is important to move forward with our decision for the reasons described above. The local school districts will continue to be guided week-by-week by state and public health specific guidelines. As per our plans for post-fall break, the University will remain open following spring break. More details on what that means for employees and unit operations will be forthcoming.

**Course Instruction**

With regards to instruction, we are seeking to replicate fall in the percentage of courses offered that are either in-person or hybrid. All health and safety protocols will remain in place to continue to provide a safe and valuable learning experience for instructors and students.

**Testing**

Work is taking place across the University to continue offering extensive testing protocol in the spring semester for our CSU community. The testing team will continue making process improvements through winter break and into spring. Our COVID-19 groups are working tirelessly to ensure plans are in place to help us limit the transmission of the virus. More about testing, symptom reporting, public health protocols, University operations, trending topics and other COVID-related information and resources can be found at [CSU’s COVID Information & Resources website](#).

As I shared earlier, we greatly appreciate our partnership with Larimer County Public Health and the state level, and will continue to work with them to shape our plans and respond to the current climate. I also appreciate all of you for everything you have done and continue to do for your units, your colleagues, our students and CSU as a whole. We know these are challenging times both personally and professionally, and CSU’s success is the direct result of your dedication, compassion, and hard work. Thank you, Ram Family.

Sincerely,

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