

RRCC Students:

I hope you all were able to have a pleasant and restful winter break. Given the rise of the Omicron variant, current testing scarcity, and our care for our community, we are again adjusting our response to COVID concerns. As such, we wanted to keep you up-to-date on how we plan to proceed.

For Spring Semester 2022, RRCC is enacting the following:

### **Spring Semester Courses:**

Please note Spring 2022 courses, with the exception of some Science labs, Health Science, and CTE sections:

- will start the semester remotely **January 18 until January 23rd.**
- More information on specific courses will come from Instructors via D2L and/or email correspondences directly to students before the start of classes.
- D2L course shells will be available for student access by 5pm, January 12, 2022.
- **On Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Spring courses will resume normal delivery.**

### **Class Quarantining:**

We will follow the [current CDC guidelines](#) when positive cases are reported.

- Students in a course section who test positive will isolate for five (5) days after a Positive COVID-19 test result (day 0 is symptom onset or test collection).
- Members of the class who are fully vaccinated will not have to isolate.
- If you have not yet, [complete this online form](#) to either upload proof of vaccination, agree to submit weekly test results, or affirm you will not be visiting the Lakewood or Arvada campuses for classes, services, or events.

### **Student Services:**

Student Affairs will continue to provide services both on-campus and remotely.

### **Masks**

Students coming to campus must continue to wear masks inside all college buildings for spring semester.

### **Testing Protocol**

The start of our testing protocol (for those students not fully vaccinated and participating in weekly PCR testing) has been delayed and will start **January 31st** due to testing scarcity.

- The first seven-day testing cycle will begin on January 31, 2022. Test appointments might take a day or two to schedule so please plan ahead so you can test and get your results back by the end of the week.
- CDPHE has over 123 free PCR testing sites across the state. <https://covid19.colorado.gov/testing>
- Jefferson County has also provided a list of testing sites: As testing site information can change, please check this link before you make plans to go to a site without a prior registration: <https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/22251/List-of-Jeffco-COVID-19-Testing-Sites>.
- There is currently a testing site at the Arvada Campus on Monday and Wednesdays from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. Register at [covidcheckcolorado.org](https://covidcheckcolorado.org),
- There is a testing and vaccination site at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds very close to the RRCC Lakewood campus.

- We will be sending more information out with a link to download your PCR test results in the near future.

Students who are sick should stay home, follow our [Spring Semester COVID Protocol Weekly Updates](#) and complete the [Student COVID-19 Notification Form \(link is external\)](#).

While we begin the spring semester with an abundance of caution, let us remain hopeful that as we learn to live in a world with COVID, we will adapt as we did last year. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate these ever-changing times.

Wishing you a fantastic semester,

President Haney