

MSC

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE



MSC Campus COVID PLAN - Fall 2021

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From President McDaniel



Welcome back to Murray State College!

In a perfect world, there would be no COVID-19, no families heartbroken by loss of relatives or jobs. No debate over masks or social distance. No worries about leaving the house or paying bills. But as you know, we do not live in a perfect world.

In our world today, many are suffering and many have been broken in ways that are difficult to witness and even harder to endure. The world as we know it is a world forever changed. Forever changed and temporarily challenged, but still full of hopeful communities comprised of nurturing individuals. The world is still filled with opportunities through optimism and attitude. We can still see the sun and make plans for the future. We can set goals for ourselves and make a difference in the world around us. We can spend more time with our families and seek out things that really matter.

While we are thankful that rural Oklahoma has been more fortunate than locations like New York and Florida, we must continue to be mindful of others as we navigate a pandemic like most of us have never seen. We must be educated, resilient and ready to meet the new normal.

Most of higher education headed into March 2020 like seaside villagers preparing for hurricane season. We battened down the hatches and got down to the business of making plans. Plans to continue educating students and protecting our campus communities.

At Murray State we were successful in keeping our students on track by transitioning to virtual formats like we'd been doing it all our lives. Faculty stepped up to the plate and students followed suit – both groups determined not to disappoint one another. The semester's end brought a temporary sigh of relief, but then it was on to summer plans and a fall reopening.

While the education community has always known that diplomas and degrees offer the most reliable path to improved futures, others are now taking note. The world has been educated in more ways than one over the past six months, and there has been an influx of inquiry and interest in higher education. My belief is that higher education will always be the greatest of equalizers in the perfect world where every life matters. It will always be the most important gateway to opportunity and career success. It is something that protects us when everything changes and all else fails. A college degree is forever. It can't be taken away by heartbreak, a disappointing job, passing years or even a pandemic.

The best place to be during a pandemic, or any other time for that matter, is where all are valued, ideas are discussed, options are available, and the future is bright. One of those places is Murray State College.

Everything may have changed, but our belief that higher education will improve the world for us all remains steadfast. We are resilient and ready to embrace the new normal that began in fall 2020 and continues into fall 2021.

Joy McDaniel

Reopening Guidance

With the safety of all in mind, Murray State College has developed a detailed plan to protect our Aggie Family. The MSC COVID-19 Response Task Force is continuously planning and reviewing recommendations to ensure that on-campus instruction and residential life are as safe as possible for our campus community. As it was in spring 2021, it is our intention to let students return to campus for in-person classes, on-campus functions and other activities this fall with safety precautions and a dedication to a safe and healthy environment firmly in place.

Guidance for MSC Students

Information for students applies to ALL MSC students while on campus. Even if you're taking online classes, a trip to the Bookstore would put you in the middle of campus. Please be mindful of your responsibility to yourself and others in the Murray State College campus community. Your continued support and participation in our efforts to keep campus safe is appreciated.

Guidance for MSC Employees

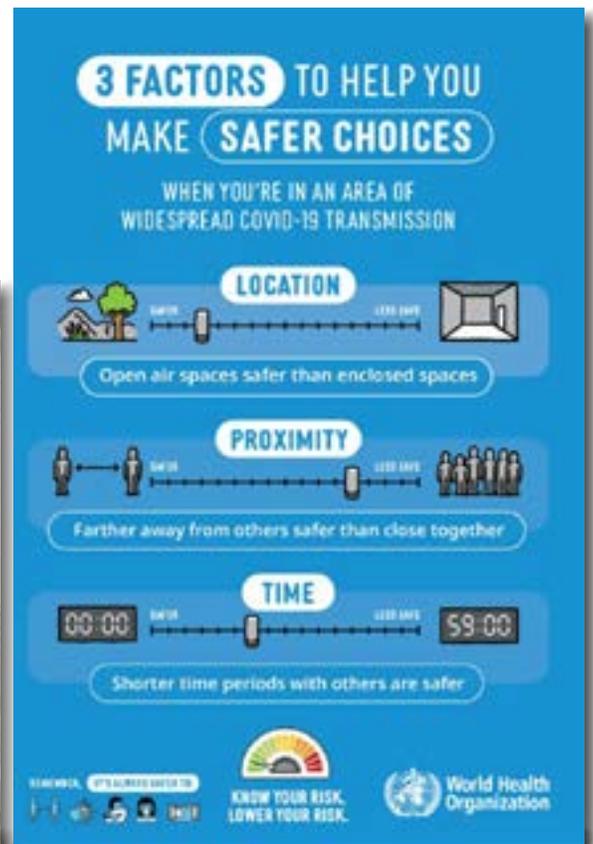
Supervisors will continue to address timelines and work responsibilities. However, if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please notify your supervisor, get tested, and seek guidance from healthcare professionals. Do not travel to campus if you have fever or other symptoms. Seek out testing or medical treatment and notify your supervisor.

Ongoing Monitoring

Murray State College leadership will closely monitor the ever-changing COVID-19 environment to make informed adjustments to plans and processes.

Consideration will be given to:

1. City/county/state and regional peaks
2. Consultation with area health officials
3. Guidance from the Oklahoma Board of Regents
4. MSC's Emergency Operations Pandemic Plan



Face Coverings

While Murray State College does not require masks in campus buildings or on campus, MSC will continue to be “mask friendly” where individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask in circumstances where one is not required based on their own needs.

Under Oklahoma Executive Order 2021-16, Oklahoma state agencies, which includes MSC, are barred from requiring a mask or COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of being allowed to enter a state building or office. Executive Order 2021-16 states:

- *On or before June 1, 2021, all buildings and office space, owned or leased by the State of Oklahoma and open to the public shall rescind any mandate for the wearing of masks in order to receive government services.*
- *By the terms of this Executive Order, all state agencies are hereby prohibited from requiring a vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of admittance to any public building.*

Additionally, in accordance with Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1, 2021, Murray State College may not (in part):

- *Implement a mask mandate for students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19.*

While Murray State does not require face coverings on campus, the Centers for Disease Control has issued the following recommendations:

- For fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission; they also added that fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated.
- Added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks inside MSC facilities. Any vaccinated person who wishes to mask indoors or outdoors may freely do so.**



Vaccinations

In accordance with Oklahoma state law, Murray State College does not require vaccination for COVID-19.

Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1, 2021, states MSC may not:

- *Require a vaccination against Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution;*
- *Require a vaccine passport as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution; or*
- *Implement a mask mandate for students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19.*

The College strongly encourages the entire Murray State College community to get vaccinated and is offering information on how to receive vaccines free of charge to all community members through the State Health Department an local medical facilities.

Personal Daily Health Screenings

Each member of the MSC community is asked to complete the daily health screening protocol to help monitor their personal health and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This screening should be conducted daily before reporting to campus.

You can download a health screening form here: [MSC Health Screening Form](#)

Reporting Illness or Exposure

We understand the worry associated with illness or exposure related to COVID-19. We ask that all students, faculty and staff who are experiencing symptoms, have been exposed to COVID-19 or have tested positive to COVID-19 follow the steps listed below:

1. Complete the MSC Illness Reporting form at: [MSC Illness Reporting Form](#)
2. Notify the COVID-19 Task Force Coordinator at 580-387-7120 or taskforce@mscok.edu to report a COVID-19-related incident and to begin the process of contact tracing.
3. Contact your primary health provider, get tested, and begin self quarantine.

DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS until you meet all requirements of the campus reporting protocol and are cleared by staff assisting with the reporting process.

Quarantine and Isolation

- Those with active symptoms and/or positive tests for COVID-19 will need to isolate for 10 days beginning when symptoms first appear and must be symptom and fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to campus.
- Those who have had direct contact with someone exhibiting symptoms or someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 will need to quarantine.
- Task Force Coordinators will determine the appropriate use of quarantine and isolation for members of the campus community. Use the [MSC Illness Reporting Form](#) to begin the process for assistance.
- Students living on campus who need to quarantine or isolate should make arrangements to return home. For residential students who have no alternate options, a limited number of quarantine/isolation rooms will be made available by the college with support and care.

When testing is available, the individual exposed should get a PCR COVID-Test on or after day 5 of quarantine with the day of exposure being day 0. If test results are negative, the individual can return to work/school after day 7 of quarantine upon providing documentation of negative test result to the COVID-19 Task Force Coordinator at taskforce@mscok.edu. If testing is not available, the individual should quarantine for 14 days with the day of exposure being day 0.

Note that individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 90 days are not required to quarantine or test again in the event of direct contact, as long as they do not develop symptoms.

Individuals who have been fully vaccinated (receiving both doses) and who provide proof of COVID-19 immunization to the COVID-19 Task Force Coordinator at taskforce@mscok.edu are not required to quarantine or test again in the event of a direct contact, as long as they do not develop symptoms again.

Testing, Tracing and Notification



MSC will collaborate with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and local officials regarding contact tracing and will work to ensure all directly impacted are notified in a timely manner.

Task Force Coordinators will be handling COVID-19 surveillance for all members of the campus community and will work to ensure appropriate support is provided.

Academics and Classrooms

Academics

MSC's in-person courses will be offered through instruction in classrooms configured to support physical distancing, with recommendations for wearing face coverings and sanitizing surfaces such as desks, computers or other equipment.

When students or faculty are not able to attend class in person due to illness or isolation orders, they will need to contact the instructor so they are able to access courses and course content remotely.

Faculty will teach classes using blended instruction and student engagement models to decrease the number of students physically present at any one time in the classroom, lab or other space. Note that these models typically require flexible approaches to meeting times and technology.

In addition, faculty consultations/office hours will be conducted in virtual formats or face-to-face when requested and able to be done while observing physical distancing guidelines.



Classrooms

It is recommended that face coverings (masks or face shields) be worn by all faculty and students in classrooms and labs.

Classrooms will be configured to promote physical distancing and each classroom will be equipped with a sanitation station, providing supplies so students and faculty can clean surfaces and shared computers and equipment when they enter and leave the space.

Specific class guidelines will be communicated by faculty at the beginning of courses and be included in course syllabi.

Classrooms buildings will also have prominent safety signage displayed at various locations and there should be no congregating in halls or common areas.



Types of Courses

MSC has plans in place for the safe delivery of instruction this fall. Most classes will be flexible with regard to how students choose to attend.

As in a regular semester, there will be multiple modes of course delivery: face-to-face, multiple location, Synchronous Interactive Distance Education (SIDE), hybrid, and online-only.

Some face-to-face courses may actually resemble hybrid courses this fall to achieve social distancing in the classroom.

It is also possible during the semester that the delivery mode of a face-to-face or hybrid course may change, based on health needs of campus or other outside situations.

It will be extremely important for students to access their campus email and check Blackboard before class begins to be aware of any new details or changes in mode of delivery.

For questions about your fall courses, please contact the course instructor, your academic advisor, or specific academic department.



Contact Information

Academic Advisement • 580-387-7201
North Annex • MSC Welcome Center

Academic Affairs • 580-387-7110
Admin. Building

Financial Aid, 580-387-7220
Student Services Building

Housing • 580-387-7135
Housing Office

Bookstore • 580-387-7241
Campus Center

Business Office • 580-387-7210
Student Services Building

Registrar • 580-387-7234
Student Services Building

Student Support Services • 580-387-7260
Student Services Building

Student Success Center • 580-387-7470
MSC Library

Mail Room • 580-387-7170
Administration Bldg.

ADA Compliance • 580-387-7304
Library Science Bldg.



Campus Locations with WiFi Access

Student Services, 2nd Floor Lounge

Administration Building,
1st and 2nd Floor Lounges

Campus Center Lounge

Health Science Lounge

**Murray State College
Academic Calendar 2021-2022**

2021 FALL SEMESTER (211S)			2022 SPRING SEMESTER (212S)			
JULY 2021			JANUARY 2022			
Monday	20	Fall Intersession Begins	Monday	3	Spring Intersession Begins	
AUGUST			Friday	14	Spring Intersession Ends	
Friday	6	Fall Intersession Ends	Monday	17	Marlin Luther King Day (Campus Closed)	
Monday	16	Semester Begins (8 & 16-Week Classes)	Tuesday	18	Semester Begins (8 & 16-Week Classes)	
Wednesday	18	Final Day to Add (8-Week Classes)	Thursday	20	Final Day to Add (8-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	19	Aggies Unleashed (Front Lawn)	Monday	24	Final Day to Add (16-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.
Friday	20	Final Day to Add (16-Week Classes)	Monday	24	Final Day to Drop (8-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.
Friday	20	Final Day to Drop (8-Week Classes)	Monday	31	Final Day to Drop (16-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.
Friday	27	Final Day to Drop (16-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.	FEBRUARY		
SEPTEMBER			Monday	14	4-Week Grades Due	5:00 p.m.
Monday	6	LABOR DAY (No Classes)	MARCH			
Monday	13	4-Week Grades Due	Friday	11	First 8-Week Session Ends	
OCTOBER			Mon-Fri	14-18	SPRING BREAK (Campus Closed)	
Friday	8	First 8-Week Session Ends	Monday	21	Second 8-Week Session Begins	
Monday	11	Second 8-Week Session Begins	Monday	21	Midterm Grades Due	5:00 p.m.
Monday	11	Midterm Grades Due	Wednesday	23	Final Day to Add (2 nd 8-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	13	Final Day to Add (2 nd 8-Week Classes)	Friday	25	Final Day to Drop (2 nd 8-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.
Friday	15	Final Day to Drop (2 nd 8-Week Classes)	5:00 p.m.	APRIL		
Thun-Fri	21-22	FALL BREAK (Campus Closed)	Friday	15	Good Friday (Campus Closed)	
NOVEMBER			Monday	18	Last Day to Withdraw with Auto W	5:00 p.m.
Friday	5	Last Day to Withdraw with Auto W	Friday	29	Last Day to Withdraw w/instructor Eval	5:00 p.m.
Friday	19	Last Day to Withdraw w/instructor Eval	5:00 p.m.	MAY		
Mon-Fri	22-26	THANKSGIVING BREAK (Campus Closed)	Mon-Fri	9-13	Final Exams	
DECEMBER			Friday	13	Semester Ends	
Mon-Fri	6-10	Final Exams	Friday	13	Commencement Date	
Friday	10	Semester Ends	Monday	16	Final Grades Due	5:00 p.m.
Monday	13	Final Grades Due	5:00 p.m.			

2022 SUMMER SESSION (213S)						
MAY			JULY			
Monday	10	Summer Intersession Begins	Thursday	7	Last Day to Withdraw with Auto W	5:00 p.m.
Friday	27	Summer Intersession Ends	Thursday	14	Last Day to Withdraw w/instructor Eval	5:00 p.m.
Monday	30	MEMORIAL DAY (Campus Closed)	Thursday	21	Semester Ends	
Tuesday	31	Semester Begins	Monday	25	Final Grades Due	5:00 p.m.
JUNE						
Thursday	2	Final Day to Add	5:00 p.m.			
Tuesday	7	Last Day to Drop	5:00 p.m.			

TENATIVE DATES FOR 2022-23					
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER		SUMMER SESSION	
August 15 - December 9, 2022		January 16 - May 12, 2023		May 31 - July 21, 2023	
Fall Intersession	July 25-Aug 5 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Intersession	Jan 2-Jan 13 (Mon-Fri)	Summer Intersession	May 15-26 (Mon-Fri)
Labor Day	September 5 (Monday)	M. L. King Jr. Day	January 10 (Monday)	Memorial Day	May 29 (Monday)
Fall Break	October 20-21 (Thurs-Fri)	Spring Break	March 13-17 (Mon-Fri)	Independence Day	July 4 (Tuesday)
Thanksgiving Vacation	November 21-25 (Mon-Fri)	Commencement	May 12 (Friday)		

Campus Living and Dining

On-Campus Dining

The cafeteria has been redesigned and the seating area has been reduced to allow for social distancing. Additional areas for dining may be made available if necessary. Large groups of students are discouraged from arriving together at the cafeteria so that others may have the opportunity for seated service. If necessary, Grab-and-Go meals may also be made available for takeout and refrigerated self-serve coolers are being installed.

The Grind

The Grind will be open for dine in and take-out. Tables/chairs may be removed from the facility to allow for social distancing. Disinfection protocols will be increased in all common areas.

Student Housing

Normal procedures for student housing may be adjusted to allow for the safety of all. Common spaces may be reduced and/or rearranged. Students can expect an increased frequency of cleaning. Monitoring may be necessary if social distancing rules are not followed.



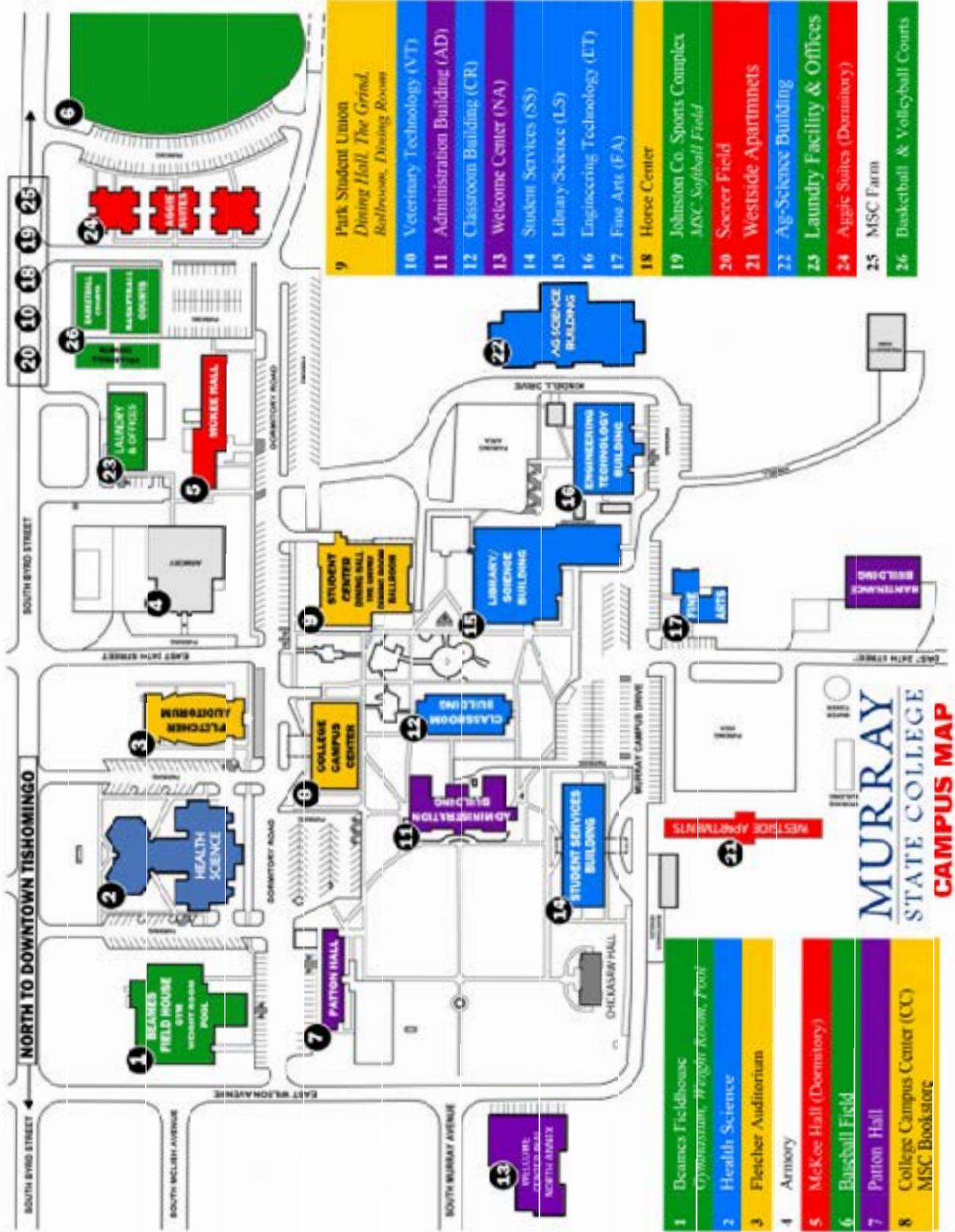
Fitness Center

The fitness center will open on August 7. The facility will be sanitized on an increased schedule.

Fall 2021 Fitness Center Schedule

Monday-Friday
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

Campus Map



Event Planning and Campus Events

Guidelines for MSC Events On and Off Campus

To maintain proper social distancing opportunities inside campus buildings:

- Consider holding virtual events or communicating electronically.
- When inside events are necessary, limit gatherings to groups of 10 or fewer and overall Attendance to allow for six-feet of social distancing space among participants.
- When outdoor in-person events are necessary, limit gatherings to groups of 15 or fewer and overall attendance to fewer than 200 people.
- Provide opportunity for hand washing and/or sanitizing during events.
- Consider the need for separate points of entrance and exit.
- Event sponsors will be responsible for adherence to rules for social distancing.
- Event will keep a roster of all attendees for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing.
- Until further notice, college facilities are currently unavailable for use by outside entities.
- Murray State reserves the right to cancel any event at any time for health and safety reasons.

**During fall 2021, student meetings and campus events will follow guidelines
In this document as well as those of state and local health officials.**



Emergency Move to Remote/Online Delivery

Students, faculty and staff should be aware that in the event of a closure due to COVID-19, there may be a need for on-site classes to be converted to an online/remote format on a short- or long-term basis, so please plan accordingly. Students should make plans in advance for access to computer equipment, webcams and Internet connectivity to continue their classes in an online/remote format if required.

- Students are asked to be especially aware of all official student emails throughout the semester.
- If a move to on-line only is required due to COVID-19, there will be a grace period to allow for the transition. Existing online classes will continue as scheduled without disruption. If this becomes necessary, students and employees will be provided with specific details.

Students with questions or special housing circumstances should contact student housing at 580-387-7135.



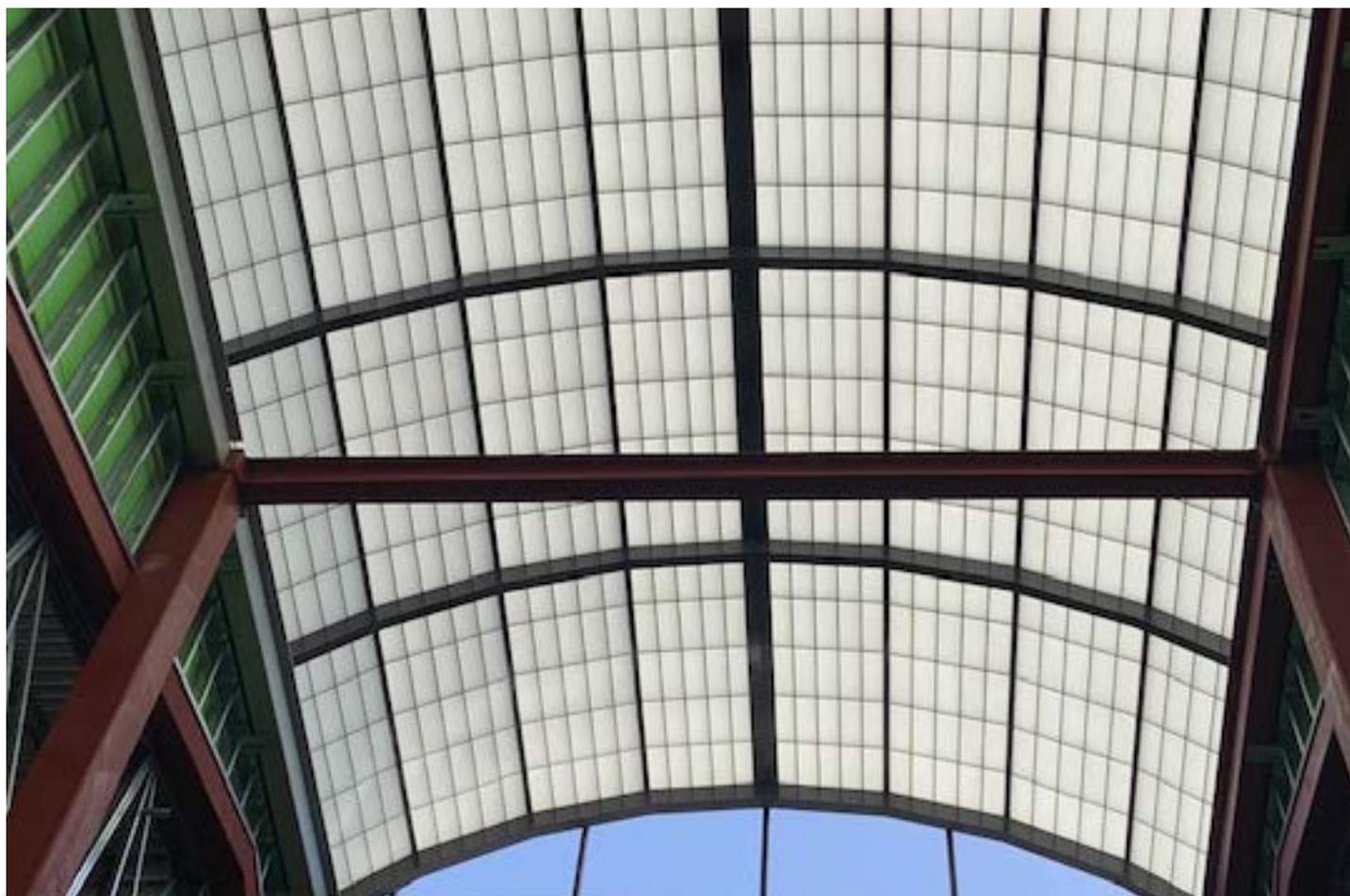
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Additional Guidance

Please Stay Informed

Students, faculty and staff should check their official MSC e-mail regularly for important messages and updates regarding changes in procedure.

Updated information about procedures, guidelines and announcements are accessible at <https://www.msco.edu/current-students/covid-19/aggies-all-in-returning-to-campus>.



Enforcement of Guidelines

The process of reopening in the fall 2020 was smooth and effective because students and staff came together to follow the guidelines stated in this document. Our number-one goal this semester is to welcome students into a safe and healthy environment where they can receive the best higher education possible. The Fall 2021 will be a semester of transitions and one like no other. We will all be working our way toward positive outcomes. Employees and students should be aware that the refusal to comply with COVID-19 guidelines and policies will risk not only disciplinary action, but also jeopardizing the return and continuation of classes for all. It won't be easy for any of us, but together - even if six feet apart - we can accomplish all good things.