

Welcome Back, Aggies!

In less than two weeks, we will open our doors to students for the 2020 fall semester, and we can't wait to have everyone back on campus!

While preparing for classes to begin on August 17, we remain committed to student success in every way. Administration, task force members and facilities' staff have been working daily to make changes that will create a safe campus for all. It's been a big task, but we have met the challenge and are ready to welcome back new and returning students.



Changes to protect the health and security of our campus community have been made in a variety of ways. We have rearranged existing classroom spaces, selected alternative learning spaces to allow for maximum social distancing, and installed partitions to separate spaces as necessary.

Murray State governance groups, administration and task force members support local, state, and national recommendations that all individuals wear masks and practice social distancing. Masks are now required to be worn in all MSC buildings, and Murray State fabric logo masks will be distributed to all students and staff. Masks will also be available for purchase in our bookstores.

With a flexible mindset, faculty have prepared classes that allow for in-person instruction through lectures and interaction. The same classes will also be available in a virtual format that allows students to select their own level of social comfort. There may be some lab-related courses that require students to be in the classroom, but most classes have been developed to allow for choice.

Student activities may look different this semester, but they will continue to be organized and enjoyed. Outdoor events will take the place of indoor gatherings and virtual events will be added to the mix.

This year's theme is Resilient & Ready. I can assure you that we are both resilient and ready to make this new normal as positive an experience as possible. We will wipe down, mask up, practice social distancing, remain flexible, have a positive mindset, and protect the MSC campus community to the best of our ability.

Small Changes = BIG Results

- Masks for all inside MSC buildings.
- Cafeteria service will be different, but new, individualized serving options will be offered.
- Dorms space will be open only to those who live on campus. No visitors this semester.
- Some services may be offered online instead of in person.
- Sports will begin in the spring instead of the fall.
- Large gatherings on campus will be postponed until safe for all.
- Those who are not students/employees need appointments before coming to campus.

Thank you for your support and participation as we work to provide a safe and productive environment this fall. As always, it's a great time to be an Aggie at Murray State College!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joy McDaniel

President

Visit the "[Aggies All In: Returning to Campus](#)" webpage for our detailed plan to protect our Aggie Family!