

Welcome Back, Aggies!

Resilient & Ready



Happy New Year and welcome back! I am grateful for all we accomplished together during the Fall 20' semester and am hopeful for what lies ahead as we remain committed to student success in every way.

We have all learned a great deal about how to live, work and learn together during the pandemic. As we continue working together to maintain a safe campus for all, we can lean on lessons learned to continue moving forward.

The MSC Covid-19 Task Force has updated our Return to Campus plan for the spring semester. You can find it here: <https://www.msco.edu/ReturnToCampus>.

Murray State governance groups, administration and task force members continue to support local, state and national recommendations that direct all individuals to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. Face coverings are required and must be worn by students, faculty, staff and visitors in all MSC buildings. Campus is still closed to the public, and visitors must have appointments before coming to campus.

We also remain committed to class flexibility that allows students to attend classes via in-person instruction or virtually. There may be some lab-related courses that require students be in the classroom, but most classes have been adapted to allow for choice.

Student activities will continue to look different this semester, but they will continue to be organized and enjoyed. Strict safety precautions will be in place for participants in events such as athletics. Outdoor events will continue to 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 remain both resilient and ready to continue 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 continue offering individualized serving options.
- Dorms space will be open only to those who live on campus. No visitors.
- Some services may be offered online instead of in person.
- Sports will begin in the spring.
- Large gatherings on campus will be postponed until safe for all.
- Non-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 spring. As always, it's a great time to be an Aggie at Murray State College!

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President

<https://www.msco.edu/current-students/covid-19/aggies-all-in-returning-to-campus>