



SPECIAL EDITION

Spring Operations and Move-in

Dear WCU Campus Community:

This week, senior campus leaders and I have reviewed state and regional COVID-19 activity with UNC System leadership, public health officials, and local hospital representatives in anticipation of the beginning of the spring semester. Due to record COVID-19 cases, strain on critical health care resources related to COVID-19 hospitalizations, and a projected peak in cases in Western North Carolina within the next two to three weeks, we have made the decision to adjust our spring operations with the health of our campus and surrounding community as our guiding principle.

Classes will begin on Jan. 25, as scheduled, but all classes will be delivered via remote instruction through Feb. 12. On Feb. 15, classes will resume as originally scheduled through in-person or hybrid instruction. Classes already scheduled to meet remotely will continue that mode of instruction.

There is no change to the academic calendar. The spring semester will conclude on May 14 as originally scheduled.

To further safeguard the greater campus community, the return of students to our campus residence halls will be delayed. Move-in will begin Feb. 6. Students scheduled to move in to the residence halls will receive information from Residential Living with information on reentry testing, prorated refunds/credits, and move-in instructions.

Additional information on spring operations, including a FAQ about changes to the beginning of the spring semester, can be found [HERE](#).

I continue to urge all of us to remain vigilant against COVID-19. Follow the [Catamounts Care Community Standards](#), use community testing sites and vaccine sites as they become available, and maintain a period of quarantine where appropriate.

We take these steps with the health and safety of all members of our community in mind. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate through these most challenging times together, as Catamounts.

Sincerely,

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