



## WASHBURN TECH UPDATE (May 1, 2020)

Beginning May 4, Washburn Tech will gradually reopen specific areas of campus to allow students to complete their programs as well as sit for certification exams specific to their fields of study.

In preparation, students were notified this past week of their individual completion requirements. In addition, Washburn Tech instructors and staff are undergoing safety training to provide the best possible environment for students who return to campus. These protocols include the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves, as well as the constant cleaning of surfaces in classrooms, labs and offices.

The following timeline has been established:

### **May 4-8:**

Small groups of students will return to campus to take the proctored exams necessary to complete their programs. The Regional Simulation Center, utilized by health care disciplines, will reopen to small groups of students who need to finish clinical testing. Washburn Tech's Academy of Cosmetology will reopen on May 4 to students who will be scheduled on a rotating basis. Salon services are not available to the public.

### **May 11-15:**

Small groups of students who need to complete hands-on lab work will return to campus. These students will be scheduled on a staggered basis to allow for social distancing and safety measures. The completion time, for these students, varies among programs and students. Some students could finish in May while others may not complete until sometime in July.

### **For Your Protection:**

Washburn Tech is taking multiple precautions to safeguard the health of our students, instructors and staff. Each person will be issued two masks and gloves. You may also provide your own masks, if preferred. The cloth masks, Washburn Tech provides, may be washed and reused. Students, instructors and staff are strongly encouraged to wear these items.

Social distancing practices will be implemented and plexiglass shields will be installed. Washburn Tech's maintenance crew will diligently and continually clean surfaces in classroom, lab and office spaces.

Students, who spend the day at Washburn Tech, should bring their own lunch. No food service or vending machines will be available.

Students will not be allowed to go outside during classroom breaks. In addition, students should not linger outside the classroom or in parking lots before or after class to eliminate the gathering of groups.

If a student is sick or not feeling well, he or she **is required to stay home.**

### **Graduate Recognition:**

Celebrating our graduates is very important to the Washburn Tech family. As we monitor the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will make every effort to create a way to highlight your wonderful accomplishments. Stay tuned!

### **Fall 2020:**

Washburn Tech administrators and instructors are preparing several educational plans to best meet the needs of our students in the fall semester. As health experts predict a resurgence this fall of COVID-19 cases, Washburn Tech is creating a mixed modality model of learning in which students could learn both in the lab and online. As events, out of our control change, Washburn Tech is working to be prepared while prioritizing the health and safety of our students, instructors and staff.

New Student Orientations (NSOs) will be available virtually this summer, rather than on-campus. Details will be relayed soon.

If you have questions about NSOs or the fall semester, please call 785.670.2100 and ask for a Washburn Tech admissions counselor or career advisor.

### **Testing for Incoming Students:**

Entrance testing will resume May 4 on the Washburn Tech campus. Incoming students, who would like to test, must have an application on file with

Washburn Tech to be eligible. To schedule a testing appointment, call 785.670.3343. If you are testing, PPE is strongly encouraged on campus and social distancing measures will be taken in the testing center.

**Laptop Check-in:**

Washburn Tech's IT Support is offering a drive-through return for students who checked-out a laptop during the current semester. To schedule a drop off time, call 785.670.3000 or contact Washburn Tech's manager of user and network operations at [derek.kucharczyk@washburn.edu](mailto:derek.kucharczyk@washburn.edu).