COVID-19 UPDATES

For the latest information, please visit the Falcons Forward webpage.

- **Move to Remote Instruction Starting November 30**
  Over the past week, two important pieces of information have impacted our decision regarding our return to campus after Thanksgiving Break.
  - Hospitals in our region – including in the Twin Cities metro area and Eau Claire area – are at or nearing ICU bed capacity.
  - Cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and in our region are at a critically high level and growing. All signs point to continued growth, not decline, of those numbers.

Based on these important facts and after consultation with and support from UW System President Tommy Thompson, the Chancellor’s Cabinet and shared governance leaders, and in line with Governor Tony Evers Executive Order #94, issued last Tuesday, encouraging everyone in Wisconsin to stay home, avoid gatherings and limit travel, we have now deemed it most prudent to avoid returning to in-person classroom settings after the Thanksgiving Break. **All courses will be delivered in remote format beginning November 30 and for the remaining three weeks of the semester.**

- **Have questions about the move to remote instruction?**
  - Attend this week’s Virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m. You may also call in at +1 262-771-0470. PIN: 757 571 54#. If you are unable to attend, this session will be recorded and made available later. Residence Life wants to be sure you get your questions answered and have all the right information to finish this semester and be prepared for spring.
Details:
- Students who return to the residence halls after Thanksgiving will be required to be tested twice the week of Nov. 30 to ensure the health and safety of all those who wish to remain on campus.
- The provost and academic deans will work with faculty and instructors to assure that the transition to remote learning will be a smooth one for students.
- To help keep families and other communities safe, all residence hall students must get tested and all off-campus students are strongly encouraged to get tested before leaving campus if they plan to travel home for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Residence hall students will be receiving further communication from Residence Life to coordinate any student plans to leave campus or potentially to move out safely. Students have until December 1 to request an online learner exemption for spring semester.

Look for answers to other frequently asked questions here.

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REMINDERS

- **Random Acts Student Org Hosts Virtual Speaker: Rachel Miner**
  o Rachel Miner, who played Meg in "Supernatural," will talk about kindness and inclusivity! Join us on Cisco Webex, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17.

- **Ability Services**
  o The deadline for students to register for academic accommodations through the Ability Services Office for fall semester is Monday, Nov. 23. All students interested in pursuing academic accommodations for the rest of the fall term are required to complete the following steps by the deadline:
    ▪ Complete the [New Student Application](#) on the Ability Services website.
    ▪ Submit clinical documentation that supports a student’s need for academic accommodations.
Complete a virtual intake appointment with Ability Services staff.
- All appointments scheduled after **Monday, Nov. 23**, will be to discuss the need for potential academic accommodations for the upcoming spring semester.
- If you have any additional questions about this process, email alicia.reinketuthill@uwrf.edu or check out the Ability Services website.

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**Transgender Awareness Week**
- This week is Transgender Awareness Week. A week when transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community. The Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Office invites students to participate in this upcoming event on November 20, at 6 p.m.

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**COMING UP**

**We Are Falcons Values Series: A Focus on Race Creating Communities where #BlackLivesMatter: Pandemic Edition** - 7 p.m., December 9
- Join Craig A. Ford, Jr. (assistant professor, Saint Norbert College) in this program designed to generate real action steps that result in greater antiracist commitment with your college community. Ford will interact virtually with a wider campus audience, taking into account the information gathered from a previous conversation with student leaders and campus advocates, and will offer a presentation on what the pandemic and recent #BLM protests have taught us about realizing racial justice in your college community. As with all We Are Falcon’s events, the first 150 students will receive a custom giveaway item.

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- Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging weekly email announcements
- **Student Voice** - campus newspaper

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