



# FALL 2020 SEMESTER INFORMATION

Faculty and Staff,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, changes are being made to the way that Missouri Valley College will operate this fall. We are finalizing plans to provide a quality educational experience in accordance with any new and evolving health guidelines. We will do everything in our control to keep the faculty, staff and students of Missouri Valley College safe. Masks will be worn everywhere that we can not social distance. That includes, but is not limited to, hallways, bathrooms, offices, fitness areas and potentially many classrooms. If you are in your office alone no mask is needed, but if a visitor comes in or it is an area where there is not enough space to maintain social distance, masks are required.

Our maintenance and housekeeping staff use CDC approved cleaners and disinfectants, and they have a robust schedule of sanitation throughout the college facilities. They will make a special emphasis to sanitize classrooms, community bathrooms and all other common touch points of bannisters, door knobs, etc. with a heightened cleaning schedule. Students will, however, be responsible for keeping their personal residence cleaned and sanitized.

## CHANGE OF COLLEGE START DATE AND END OF SEMESTER

**Missouri Valley College will begin its fall 2020 semester undergraduate classes on Thursday, August 20. Graduate classes will begin on Tuesday, August 18. There will be no Fall Break, and the last day of the semester, complete with all finals finished, will be Tuesday, November 24.** That is the official semester. We expect all students that are not involved with fall playoff teams or with winter sports in season, to leave campus by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24 for the six-week break. The dining hall and residence halls will be closed for deep cleaning and sanitizing.

**A Covid-19 test will be administered by health officials at the time of student check-in.** Students may check in on the dates listed below:

- **Varsity Football** student-athletes reports **8/10/2020**
- **Men's and Women's Soccer** student-athletes report **8/11/2020**
- **Women's Volleyball** and **Varsity Reserve Football** student-athletes report **8/12/2020**
- **Dance, Cheer, and Men's and Women's Cross Country** student-athletes report **8/14/2020**
- **Freshmen** report **8/17/2020**
- **Transfer and Returning Students** report **8/18/2020 - 8/19/20**

## OTHER CHANGES AND PLANS FOR THE FALL

- **All faculty and staff will receive a free, required Covid-19 test on August 13, 2020. More information will follow later.**
- Classes will be offered in a different format than what we have done before, allowing us to break classes into smaller groups. This comes from input by the Faculty Task Force in coordination with Dr. Bartholomew.
- Classroom buildings will have directional signs to help keep students moving without grouping up. All signage will be posted to help eliminate bottlenecks between classes.
- Housekeeping will be available to help with sanitizing classrooms between classes, but faculty will also have the spray available to them to use as a class departs the room.
- We will use social distancing and small groups for every opportunity possible in the activities we offer.
- Athletics will follow guidelines presented by the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the protocols put in place by the Missouri Valley College Athletic Task Force.
- Athletics will also participate in the guidelines set forth by the Heart of America Athletic Conference regarding health and safety protocols called the Heart Promise that is required of every team.
- Only two people per student will be allowed on campus to assist with student move-in (no one under the age of 18 allowed).
- Incoming freshmen will receive communication in the coming weeks about virtual orientation.
- Student immunization forms must be submitted prior to arrival on campus.
- We have contracted with an organization for Covid-19 testing.
- We have designated space for quarantine.

We will continue to update you on any additional plans or changes. The time and effort spent to make plans for a safe fall semester can't be overlooked. We are trying to anticipate many situations that might occur so input from all corners of campus are appreciated and needed for our plan to be all encompassing. We ask that everyone be patient as guidelines develop and evolve. This is a whole new era for Missouri Valley College, and truthfully, it is scary, but one I am sure we can navigate successfully together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bonnie Humphrey