

This communication will provide an update on spring semester schedules as well as the significant reduction in positive COVID-19 cases we are seeing on campus.

### **Spring schedules**

Starting this week, students will start to see information in their student portal related to their class schedule in the spring semester.

The spring term will continue to incorporate a blended learning model in which most classrooms will be at 40-50% capacity in order to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on our campus community. Classes are still scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, Wednesday/Friday or Monday. Depending on the class, your portal will indicate which day you have been scheduled for face-to-face instruction and which will occur remotely. The alternate remote day will occur in various formats which your instructor will convey to you. Some classes, such as laboratory-intensive courses, have in-person instruction on both days.

Schedules will continue to be updated in the coming weeks. Contact your Student Services Counselor if you have questions.

### **COVID update**

The impact of COVID-19 has decreased significantly on campus thanks to the precautions everyone continues to exhibit. There are currently 30 active coronavirus cases on campus and occupancy at GCU Hotel is just 10% for students placed in isolation or quarantine. Canyon Hall and Cypress Hall, which have been designated as quarantine overflow areas, are vacant.

As a reminder, if a student is identified as someone who has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive, that student has the option to quarantine offsite or at home. Students who have tested positive should not travel by air until they have completed isolation protocols.

As we finish up the fall semester on a very strong note, we look forward to what the new year will bring to our campus community. We wish you all safe travels as you return home for the Christmas break and hope you enjoy a joyous holiday season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.