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Returning to Campus this Fall

Dear Panther Community,

I am writing with important information about a change to our fall schedule. While our campus operations may look a little different, we are working to ensure the high-quality learning experience that students at UNI are accustomed to, while also protecting the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and Cedar Valley Community.

Key decisions that have been made about our fall schedule of classes are as follows:

- Fall classes will begin on Monday, August 17, one week earlier than originally scheduled.
- Classes will be held on Monday, September 7, which is Labor Day.
- Fall classes will end on Friday, November 20, the Friday before Thanksgiving week.
- Final exams will run from Saturday, November 21 through Wednesday, November 25. We will not hold exams on Sunday, November 22. This will conclude the fall semester before Thanksgiving.

These changes will give us the opportunity to further protect our campus community while still holding a full semester of on-campus teaching and learning activities.

We will also reconfigure our teaching and learning spaces and how we interact in our classrooms so that we can maintain the health and safety of our campus community, following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other state and federal agencies. We have made the following decisions regarding classroom spacing and other learning experiences:

- We will be reducing the number of students in each classroom so that we can maintain appropriate safety measures. Students and professors will be expected to wear cloth face coverings when inside the classroom.
- Classes will be a mixture of face-to-face, hybrid, and online instruction. We are working deliberately to create an optimal teaching and learning experience for our students.
- Cleaning and sanitation practices have been enhanced in all areas of campus to maintain safe educational, living, and work spaces.
- Learning experiences such as student teaching and internships will continue as planned, observing the protocols and procedures of those partner organizations and schools.

Finally, we will also be keeping our residence halls and dining centers open, again with reconfigured spaces so as to be as safe as possible for those students living on campus. Students who plan to live on-campus or purchase a meal plan will receive communication directly from the Department of Residence, including details about new move-in dates due to our early start. Details will also be available on their [website](#).

When we have updated information about our fall semester we will post it on the [UNI Forward Together website](#). We will also send out further communications as decisions are made. For specific questions, email forwardtogether@uni.edu.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Nook