



# Update: Most spring semester classes will start virtually

Dear Students,

Throughout the pandemic, OLLU has made decisions based on recommendations of local and federal health authorities and with the safety of the university community at the forefront. Over the last three days, we have seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases within the university community. We had hoped to return to face-to-face instruction, but with the increased case numbers, even before we have started classes, it is necessary to begin the semester virtually for most classes.

As such, the following is announced:

- All lecture classes will be virtual/online through at least Jan. 23, 2022; lab classes and practicum will vary based on program – students should check Blackboard for more information; updates will be shared regularly.
- The residence halls will open as scheduled on Jan. 8, 2022. Resident students can opt to move in on Jan. 8 or wait until classes return to face-to-face. All resident students must take a COVID-19 test prior to returning to the residence halls. Additional COVID-19 testing information will be emailed to resident students by the Residence Life Office.
- The library, computer labs, cafeteria, UWAC and student services offices will be open, but masking and social distancing are required.
- All-Access Textbook Pick Up for undergraduate students attending classes on the San Antonio campus will be:  
Jan. 6-8, 2022  
11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Main Building, Room 311  
Textbooks will be available in the Bookstore after Jan. 8.

- Student employees who want to work on campus may do so. Student employees who want to work virtually should contact their supervisor to check if virtual work is available.
- Masks will continue to be required in all indoor spaces for all individuals when unable to isolate.
- All students, faculty and staff who test positive for COVID-19 or have close contact with someone one who tests positive should submit a Self-Report, even if they are not currently on campus; this will help us track cases in our university community. Please use the [online Self-Report Form](#).
- As we move forward, the university will follow the [new CDC guidance on isolation and quarantine](#) with one exception: individuals who are vaccinated and boosted will be required to quarantine for at least five days if they live with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.
- All eligible faculty, staff and students are encouraged to receive COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots. The university will hold a vaccine clinic on the San Antonio campus on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. [Sign up for the clinic using this online form](#).

While we know a virtual start to the semester is not what we had hoped for, we must put the safety of our community first. As soon as we are able, we will return to face-to-face instruction as we know it is the best way to serve our community. In the meantime, I encourage patience, flexibility, and active communication.

During this virtual period and throughout the semester, please use the following resources if you have any questions or concerns:

- Academics/Advising Questions** - Email [academicaffairs@ollusa.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@ollusa.edu)
- Residence Hall Questions** - Email [residencelife@ollusa.edu](mailto:residencelife@ollusa.edu)
- Billing/Payment Arrangement Questions** - Email [studentaccounts@ollusa.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@ollusa.edu)
- Financial Aid Questions** - Email [finaid@ollusa.edu](mailto:finaid@ollusa.edu)
- COVID-19 Questions** - Email [ert@ollusa.edu](mailto:ert@ollusa.edu)
- All Other Questions** – Email [studentaffairs@ollusa.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@ollusa.edu)

Sincerely,



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