

# MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

On Campus  Online

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Dear Thunder Family,

We are excited to have our Thunder family back together in the Fall! As we move closer to welcoming everyone back on campus, I want you to know that we are working diligently to provide a safe and healthy campus for all of us to enjoy even in the midst of COVID 19.

The first day of classes has been moved up one week to August 17<sup>th</sup>. In preparing for that there are many facets to consider and I want to assure you that every department is working hard on preparations. We will be sharing more information as we move closer to our campus re-opening and to begin let me share some key words for all of us to remember in order to provide a safe campus for everyone.

- **Hygiene:** We have been encouraged since the onset of the virus to practice good personal hygiene including frequent vigorous hand washing, avoiding touching our faces, covering coughs and sneezes, etc. This will continue to be highly encouraged on campus!
- **Cleaning:** Our regular campus cleaning schedules and practices have been increased and ramped up this summer and will continue to be this Fall.
- **Masks:** The Governor of Kansas recently announced the requirement to wear masks in public settings and the Manhattan City Commission upheld that order. Our campus will abide by all ordinances and wearing masks will be required as we begin the semester. You will need several masks to use, and for one of them we have ordered a Thunder branded mask for all students, faculty and staff to use.
- **Social-distancing:** The truth is on a college campus social-distancing will be a tough task and will require us being aware of all our actions in all settings on campus. (All public spaces, classrooms, lobbies, both residence halls, the campus center, the library, the Activity Center) Six feet is the minimum recommended distance.
- **Wisdom:** We encourage you to use wisdom in where and when you go to places in Manhattan. There has been a recent spike in cases in Manhattan and that is due in large part to people going out in public and not following all of the recommendations above. We need to make wise choices in everything we do each day to help us all stay safe and healthy.
- **Travel Restrictions:** The state of Kansas has recently issued travel restrictions for Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida and South Carolina. This list is updated about every two weeks. I suspect some of those states will be removed by August, and others may be added. We are checking that information often at <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran>. We will let you know what the impact will mean for students coming to MCC from those states.
- **Grace!!** STUGOV chose this theme for the year and it is so appropriate. Without grace we have no relationship with Christ. God's grace is necessary for all of us spiritually. In addition to that, without grace for each other, the hurdles we will have to overcome will be difficult. Changes will continue to come our way and they will provide the opportunity and need for us to share a lot of grace.

I know you have many questions. Know that the administration, faculty and staff of MCC are dedicated to providing the answers you need. Be watching for that information as we continue to make plans to welcome you all back to campus. **We can't wait to have you back!!**

God bless,



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