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**To First Nations University of Canada Students,**

**RE: Fall 2020 Term**

Over the last several months, the University has been taking steps to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and all our visitors because of the challenges created by the global spread of COVID-19. Many hoped that the negative impacts we all faced due to this virus would be short-lived and that life, and work, would get back to ‘normal.’ However, the threats posed to staff, students and visitors on our three campuses across Saskatchewan are still significant.

We have submitted our Fall 2020 Re-Open Plan which followed all direction, guidelines and orders from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Government of Saskatchewan Phased *Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan*, and was based upon the Guiding Principles for the Re-Opening of Saskatchewan’s Post-Secondary Sector.

The Fall plans can change at any point and we must be prepared for any circumstance as it arises.

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Beginning September 1, 2020, any person(s) to visit any of the campuses, including students, faculty and staff will be required to Sign In/Out (Check-In) and complete a Questionnaire prior to entering the campus. The daily sign-in/out and questionnaire are essential and necessary for contact tracing and vital to ensure we can track all activity on campus throughout each day. The sign-in sheet and questionnaire will be available at the designated entrance of each campus. All students are required to wear masks on campus.

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For the Fall 2020 term, **all classes will continue to be delivered remotely**, to include a combination of real-time class meetings via Lifesize (synchronous) and web-based course delivery via UR Courses (asynchronous). All community-based programming will also be done remotely with no students in class.

FNUniv students will have access to computer labs and libraries during scheduled times throughout the week. We will offer students the opportunity to book an appointment for access to digital learning spaces to facilitate access to computers and/or Wi-Fi hotspots. Further information on the **online booking system** will be

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shared in the next few weeks.

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Student Success Services staff will continue to provide support remotely for Fall 2020. Please contact Amber Maxie at 306.790.5950 or 1.800.267.6303 ext. 3127 to speak with staff or schedule an appointment. You may also email at [amaxie@fnuniv.ca](mailto:amaxie@fnuniv.ca):

- **Academic Advising:** Staff will continue to provide remote services (primarily via phone, Lifesize and email).
- **Retention:** Staff will continue to provide remote services (primarily via phone, Lifesize and email).
- **Recruiting:** Recruiting will continue to be offered remotely (via Lifesize, Zoom, email, phone, Facebook).
- **Tutors, Writing Clinics, and Student Ambassador supports** will continue to be offered at a distance by appointment only.
- **The Nutrition Program and Food Pantry** will not be provided at any campus this fall.
- **Wellness Counsellors** will provide a blend of services: remote (Lifesize, Zoom, phone) and in-person utilizing social distancing, mandatory masks and deep cleaning of all surfaces after each client, by appointment only.

Pipe Ceremonies will continue to be offered monthly at each campus. These ceremonies will follow all Saskatchewan Health Authority guidelines. Campus Elders' virtual access (phone, Lifesize video-conferencing) will be arranged by appointment by the Elders' helpers.

Student events such as orientation, success seminars & workshops, and collaborative events (among campuses and with U of R) will be remote (via Lifesize, Facebook, etc.) this fall. **No in-person student events are planned for the fall.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

### **August 4<sup>th</sup>: Fall 2020 Virtual Orientation through UR Courses.**

All new, registered, students will be automatically given free access to asynchronous (on your own time) Orientation Modules which will be released in [UR Courses](#) (UR Courses login information will be sent to you by email on August 4). This information will help you have a great start to your university experience and academic success.

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Topics covered in the modules include academic skill building, IT supports, student support services, and more! Check out our 'First Nations University of Canada' module. This information will be available to students throughout the entire Fall term. Check [www.uregina.ca/Orientation](http://www.uregina.ca/Orientation) to register for the August 31<sup>st</sup> live session!

**August 15<sup>th</sup>: UR Courses:** All courses will be live for students to access textbooks, syllabi and other course information

**August 31<sup>st</sup>: University of Regina Fall 2020 Virtual Orientation: Federated College Session @ 12:30 pm.**

All first year students who want an opportunity to meet Student Success Services staff, learn about programs offered at FNUniv and services FNUniv provides to students can join us via Zoom. A Zoom link will be emailed to all first year students. Students please register for this session before August 31<sup>st</sup>. Check [www.uregina.ca/Orientation](http://www.uregina.ca/Orientation) and click on First Nations University of Canada Federated College Session to register for the August 31<sup>st</sup> live session!

**September 1<sup>st</sup>: FNUniv Virtual Orientation @ 12:00 pm to 4:15 pm. (All Campuses).**

Welcome to First Nations University of Canada! On September 1, 2020, all FNUniv students are encouraged to attend our Virtual Orientation to include all campuses (Regina, Saskatoon & Northern Campus). The orientation will provide students the opportunity to do a "meet & greet" with our Elders and oskapewis on each campus. Our Interim President will join us with a welcome message.

You'll have an opportunity to meet fellow students in breakout sessions by campus, followed by a student panel lead by the Students' Association. Our Student Success Services staff will introduce you to FNUniv's UR Courses page where you will find all the information you need to know about events, services and supports as a university student.

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**pamināwasowin Child Care Centre (Regina Campus)** is currently accepting applications for ages up to 6yrs old, with priority given to students & staff.

If you require child care services for Fall 2020, please contact the Director at 306.790.5950 ext.3505 or email [gkolic@fnuniv.ca](mailto:gkolic@fnuniv.ca).

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**Laptop Loan Program:** All full-time FNUniv Students can access the program by contacting any one of our campus locations.

Regina Campus Library:

p: 306.790.5950 ext. 3425 or 3429

e: [pdaigle@firstnationsuniversity.ca](mailto:pdaigle@firstnationsuniversity.ca) or [jcliff@firstnationsuniversity.ca](mailto:jcliff@firstnationsuniversity.ca)

Saskatoon Campus Library:

p: 306.931.1800 ext. 5430

e: [hliu@fnuniv.ca](mailto:hliu@fnuniv.ca)

Northern Campus Library:

p: (306) 765-3333 Ext. 7430 or 7425

e: [oripoll-leal@fnuniv.ca](mailto:oripoll-leal@fnuniv.ca)

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FNUniv will continue to communicate any changes to our plans as the situation evolves.

FNUniv will promote and encourage behaviours that will reduce the spread of COVID-19 according to the Public Health Orders to ensure the health and safety of all.

- Any urgent and regular FNUniv updates are posted under [COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\) Important Updates](#).
- All updates will be posted on social media to reach the general public.

A few new directives will be added as preventative and protective measures at Regina Campus:

- All stairwells will be locked with access for **exiting only**;
- Students, staff and tenants with office space on the Mezzanine Level will need to use their FOB for access;

Directional Floor Maps and additional signage will be placed in high traffic areas at each campus.

A **reminder** to continue to practice social distancing and proper hygiene procedures. We encourage all employees to wear a mask when on campus or group setting.

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**FNUniv is committed to providing a rich and quality education experience.** We appreciate your continued patience and we will strive to support our students in any way possible.

Be well and take care of yourself and your family.

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