Dear Colleagues,

My sincerest apologies we did not get this message out before the close of business day today, but we’d like to provide you with as much notice as possible.

Following the transition to Stage 2 In-Person classes on our campuses, I am writing to share that the next step in our staged re-entry will be to invite other In-Person or Flex-In-Person classes that have fewer than 50 students enrolled to begin in-person class meetings. This next step in our re-entry is tentatively scheduled to start on Monday, October 26th, providing that our metrics continue to show robust control of the spread of COVID-19.

We recognize that many classes are operating well in the Live Online modality and to change at this point in the term may not work best for the entire class. Some students are not currently located in Tucson or are otherwise no longer able to, or wanting to, engage in in-person classes. However, we are also very aware that many of our students are craving direct engagement with you and their peers through in-person classes, and many are struggling with mental health challenges as a result of pandemic-related isolation (and some may feel reluctant to identify the reasons for their preferences).

I encourage you to survey to your students and instructional team to identify if starting in-person class meetings would be a good option for your class. To that end, we’ve put together a Staged Re-Entry Student Feedback Qualtrics template survey to get anonymous feedback. The template can be found in the Office of the Provost folder.

If you do choose to transition to having in-person classes, I ask that you continue to provide a remote learning option for the students who will not be able to be physically in the classroom with you and some of their classmates.

If you choose to transition your class back into the classroom, assuming the University progresses to this next stage, please confirm to the Registrar by completing this form* by 5pm Arizona time on October 20th, and communicate with your students.

Sincerely,

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*you will need to log in. If not already signed in through web auth, use your @email.arizona.edu login

This message has been sent to: Teaching instructors in in-person or flex in-person main campus non-independent study classes that are not part of essential or current phase 2.