

RETURN TO CAMPUS – SPRING 2021



NMJC Spring 2021 Campus Safety Plan

December 2020

Summary Item:	NMJC information:	
Link to campus reopening plan	https://www.nmjc.edu/nmjc_announcement/coronavirus-	
	stay-home.aspx	
	(link information will be updated after plan	
	reviewed/approved by HED)	
First day of spring semester	Tuesday, January 19, 2021	
Course delivery model	NMJC courses will be offered in a mixture of mod	
	online, ITV/Zoom, hands-on training in technical labs,	
	and in a modified classroom format (limited number of	
	students, essential classes, and strict safety protocols).	
Percentage of online courses	These percentages refer only to the number of sections on	
	the schedule (451):	
	Online/distance education/ITV 37%	
	Technical training (hands-on) 24%	
	Modified classroom (limited enroll) 39%	
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	Note that actual student enrollments will vary somewhat	
	from these percentages as class sizes in online courses are	
	substantially higher (25-30+) than in the modified	
Student Corrigon delivery model	classroom environment (12-15 on average).	
Student Services delivery model	NMJC campus will be operating in a restricted access mode. Student Services will be available online, by	
	telephone, and e-mail. If a student needs to see a staff	
	member in-person, it will be necessary for the student to	
	have an appointment.	
Reopening Plan point of contact	Dr. Larry Sanderson	
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Contact Tracing point of contact	Cathy Mitchell Vice President for Student Services	
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	575-492-2761 or 575-631-6999	
Reopening Plan submission date	December 24, 2020	
Critical Requirements	NMJC Plans:	
Proposed semester calendar	Classes begin Tuesday, January 19, 2021	
_	Spring Break may be changed or eliminated (TBD)	
	Semester ends May 5, 2021 (earlier as required)	

Strategy for identifying essential	NMJC will continue to operate in restricted access mode
staff needs	(as identified in the Fall 2020 plans).
Strategy for testing and rapid response testing	NMJC has partnered with Nor-Lea Hospital District. In conjunction with Nor-Lea, NMJC will conduct weekly surveillance testing in student housing and in all cohort- based programs. In the event of a positive test, the affected student group will be subject to quarantine and comprehensive testing of all students and staff in the group. Students or staff exhibiting symptoms may be referred to Nor-Lea for immediate testing.
Strategy for influx of cases or outbreak	In conjunction with the medical team at Nor Lea, NMJC is prepared to respond to a significant influx of cases or outbreak within specific groups. NMJC will be reporting Covid data to HED and the Nor Lea medical team at the same time. Nor Lea professionals will assist in evaluation of data to determine if an when the college may experience a higher than normal level of Covid activity (an outbreak).
Strategy for contact tracing	NMJC will continue with the same process used in Fall 2020. Cathy Mitchell, Vice President for Student Services is responsible for managing all suspected and documented cases, contacting students or staff who may have been in close contact, and for reporting to NMHED.
Strategy for screening students, faculty, and staff	All faculty and staff reporting to campus must complete an online screening questionnaire prior to coming to campus. Questionnaires are reviewed by supervisors daily and any staff/faculty who respond positively to a question must remain home and contact the Vice President for Student Services, Cathy Mitchell. Students who live in campus housing and all cohort groups of students are also subject to daily screening surveys.
	Students are reminded daily by text message and web notices of the need to participate in Covid screening surveys.
Strategy for limiting campus visitors	The NMJC campus remains closed to the public. Only students, staff, and faculty may be on campus. Outside visitors must have business on campus and make an appointment with the appropriate office before they come to campus.
Strategy for screening campus visitors	Campus access is restricted to students, faculty, and staff (all of whom are subject to daily screening protocols). Members of the public who have business on campus must have an appointment and complete a paper and

	pencil screening survey (including a temperature check)
	at the time of their arrival.
Protocols for cleaning and	Classrooms, common areas, and restrooms will be
disinfecting	professionally disinfected (fogged) weekly. Restrooms
disinfecting	
	and other common areas are cleaned each day. In the
	event of a positive or suspected positive case, any area
	(e.g. class area or common area) is subject to closure for
	full disinfecting and will not return to service until
	completion of cleaning/disinfecting.
Protocols for minimizing exposure	Classroom occupancy has been reduced with the removal
in classrooms	of chairs, social distancing between individuals in the
	room, and a comprehensive masking requirement that
	includes wearing of face masks while class is in session.
	NMJC has consulted with the local Fire Marshall to
	ensure that plans meet expectations for reduced capacity
	(25%) and COVID protocols.
Protocols for minimizing exposure	Laboratory occupancy has been reduced with the
in laboratory spaces	removal of chairs, social distancing between individuals
	in the room, and a comprehensive masking requirement
	that includes wearing of face masks while class is in
	session. Additionally, students will not work in groups
	or in close proximity to each other. NMJC has consulted
	with the local Fire Marshall to ensure that plans meet
	expectations for reduced capacity (25%) and COVID
	protocols.
Protocols for minimizing exposure	NMJC will continue to operate a restricted campus.
in other campus facilities	Visitors must make appointments, no gathering of
	people (groups must be smaller than 5, meetings by
	Zoom, and rotation of staff (working from home versus
	in-office). Face masks are required of all personnel and
	visitors on campus.
Protocols for minimizing exposure	NMJC will continue with the protocols in place for the
in residence halls	fall semester. These include single occupancy sleeping
	rooms, daily cleaning of common areas, requirements
	for face masks and social distancing. In addition, as in
	the fall, student athletes are segregated by team so that a
	positive test within a team is better isolated within the
	residence areas. Isolation rooms have been identified
	and will be used for students who require quarantine.
Protocols for safely opening	Dining facilities are not open for in-person dining.
campus dining	Meals are available for pick-up only and are delivered to
	students who are in quarantine. In-door dining options
	will comply with all current public health orders.



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RETURN TO CAMPUS: Fall 2020 NMJC's Commitment to Safety and Success

New Mexico Junior College is committed to the success of our students, and the safety of students, faculty and staff.

Protecting the safety and health of NMJC, it's students and staff, is a shared responsibility. Therefore, we have identified the three R's to help guide our decisions and actions over the coming months:



Responsibility to Students and Staff

- Provide a safe environment on campus and in classrooms
- Provide an outstanding education for students to get their degree or certification, and be better prepared to begin their career
- Continue our low tuition, financial aid, and payment plans, to help students now and later

Respect Each Other

- During these difficult times, please understand that people are nervous. Respect their space.
- Make appointments to see staff or professors we discourage "showing-up" without an appointment
- Please do not make derogatory comments to others

Resolve to Overcome these Hard Times

- Stop the spread by wearing your facemask
- Social distance in classrooms and common areas
- Make good choices when not on campus
- Practice good hygiene wash your hands frequently with soap and water

FOR STUDENTS

FACE MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

• Face masks or multilayer cloth face coverings are required in all buildings on campus. Buildings include but are not limited to:

Classrooms	Stairwells
Other teaching spaces	Restrooms
Ben Alexander Student Center	Breakrooms
Library	Foyers
Hallways	Event rooms
Elevators	Lobbies
Personal office when others present	

- Masks/coverings should be worn outdoors where physical distancing of at least 6 feet is <u>not</u> maintained.
- When eating, drinking or exercising, you may take off your face mask, but you should maintain physical distance.
- Children 2 and under should not wear a mask.
- ADA accommodations will be maintained, including for medical reasons.
- Instructors/presenters in classrooms may take off masks when physical distance of at least 6 feet is maintained.
- For details, please see the NMJC Policy Regarding Face Coverings here. (Appendix A)

CLASSROOMS

- Lecture hall classes will be moved to either Watson Auditorium or the Western Heritage Museum Theater to ensure social distancing.
- Classes of 15-20 will be moved to the lecture halls for students to keep apart.
- Students will wear face masks in classes faculty may take off their masks while lecturing, but will remain apart from students.
- Classes will be deep cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Please avoid gatherings in the hallways.
- Hand sanitizer stations are installed in all campus buildings.

FACULTY OFFICE HOURS

- Please make an appointment with your professor, if you need to see them before/after class. Most professors may prefer to speak with you by phone, email, or Zoom.
- Please do not congregate outside a professor's office without an appointment.

ADVISEMENT

• We encourage remote advisement during this pandemic. This can be done by making an <u>appointment</u>, calling 575-492-2577, or email: <u>asknmjc@nmjc.edu</u>

- If you prefer an in-person advisement time, please make an appointment in advance, and wear your mask when meeting with your adviser.
- When it is time for your in-person appointment, we will text you. Otherwise please remain in your car or outside Ben Alexander Student Center.
- No more than <u>one</u> additional person to the appointment.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

- Free tutoring will be available remotely by zoom, phone or email. Call 575-492-2622 or email successcenter@nmjc.edu
- Appointments must be made in advance for in-person tutoring. Please call 575-492-2622 or email <u>successcenter@nmjc.edu</u>. Facemasks must be worn.
- Online tutoring is available through <u>Brainfuse</u>.

LIBRARY

- Pannell Library will reopen in August for students.
- A limited number of students will be allowed inside the library (depending on the Governor's orders on the number of people allowed inside building areas).
- Visit the front desk to request computer access, and to have the computer sanitized.
- You must stay at your assigned computer space. If there are technical issues, or you prefer another seat, please speak with the front desk first.
- The reference librarian, Lauri Muffley, is available remotely to help with research projects. Email her: lmuffley@nmjc.edu or call 575-492-2871. In-person meetings must be set by appointment.
- Online databases, magazines, books and more are available through the website.

STUDENT HOUSING

Students moving into housing from out of state / country will be allowed to move in on August 10 (2 weeks prior to the beginning of classes) to allow for the 14 day isolation period.

Students should complete and submit housing forms online prior to move-in.

- On-campus housing availability will be limited due to the change to all private rooms for social distancing.
- No outside guests will be allowed in student housing.
- Restrictions will be placed on the number of students in a room.
- Furniture and computer spaces have been rearranged in each room for social distance.
- Each room will be single-occupied (max two students will share a bathroom).
- Students must wear a facemask in public spaces.
- There are isolation rooms for any students who may need to quarantine.
- Student-athletes will be separated by team, in case a team member gets sick.
- All housing applications and forms are <u>online</u>.

MOVE IN

- Students will schedule a time for move-in.
- They will remain in their cars and receive a text when it is time.

• Parents/friends who are there to help move-in will be restricted to two family/friends

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- During our social distancing, we will have virtual activities, with some events where we can be distanced.
- Look to the events calendar on the website, or visit the NMJC Facebook / Instagram pages for upcoming events.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- STAY HOME WHEN SICK, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Use the hand sanitizer frequently, found throughout each building on campus.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands. If no tissue, cough into your elbow.
- Handshaking, hugs and fistbumps are discouraged.
- Limit your use of the elevators when possible.
- Use outdoor seating areas and social distancing for any small group activities.
- Avoid touching any other student's personal belongings, laptops, phones, etc.

FOR FACULTY & STAFF

EMPLOYEE CHECK-IN

- 30 minutes before employees are on campus they must "check-in" using the "check-in" app.
- The "check-in" is sent each morning via text and email, and is approved by their supervisor.

FACE MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- Face masks or multilayer cloth face coverings are required in all buildings on campus. Buildings include but are not limited to:
 - Classrooms
 - Other teaching spaces
 - Ben Alexander Student Center
 - Library
 - Hallways
 - Elevators
 - Personal offices when others are present

- Stairwells
- Restrooms
- Breakrooms
- Foyers
- Event rooms
- Lobbies
- Instructors/presenters in classrooms and teaching areas may take off masks when physical distance of at least 6 feet is maintained.
- Masks/coverings should be worn outdoors where physical distancing of at least 6 feet is <u>not</u> maintained.
- When eating, drinking or exercising, you may take off your face mask, but you should maintain physical distance.
- Children 2 and under should not wear a mask.
- ADA accommodations will be maintained, including for medical reasons.
- Please see the NMJC Policy Regarding Face Coverings here. (Appendix A)

OFFICE SPACE

- Limit in person meetings to business matters, and make such meetings as short as possible.
- Make appointments to discuss business matters, dropping in to any office on campus without an appointment is discouraged. This helps prevent inadvertent gatherings of people.
- Limit face to face meetings to the extent possible. Use teleconferencing or videoconferencing when possible.
- Do not provide access to an employee's office without that employee's permission.
- Discontinue use of community coffee pots, tea makers, water coolers and other high touch items.
- Do not bring bulk food to campus to share with other employees.

- Avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. Clean and disinfect them before and after use.
- Students have been asked to make appointments in advance before seeing faculty, advisors and/or other employees.

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ATHLETICS READINESS

NMJC takes great pride in Thunderbird Athletics and supports the college's resumption of athletics in the 2020–2021 academic year. Timing and format depend on ongoing evaluation of conditions and direction from the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC). Strength and conditioning training will resume in phases, as allowed by national and regional athletics governing bodies, and with protective equipment in use when social distancing is not possible.

Decisions about sporting events, including the presence of spectators at events, will be made in accordance to guidance from the NJCAA, WJCAC, and state and local officials.

The NJCAA recently issued a new schedule for all NJCAA sports activities (attached). NMJC will adjust athletic programs to conform to these expectations.

DINING READINESS – cafeteria and snack bar

Sodexo food service will be ready to serve the NMJC community with additional choices in ordering and delivery, consistent with the current quality, standards, and regulations. During late July and early August, Sodexo employees will undergo rigorous training on enhanced cleaning and service protocols. Technological and physical accommodations designed to reduce the spread of and exposure to COVID-19 include:

- Barriers and social distancing signage to control lines.
 - Acrylic barriers at cashier stations.
 - Elimination of self-service and buffet options.
 - Signage, maps, and menus at the entrance to facilities.
 - Flexible and layered protective equipment for all employees.
- Tables will be arranged to provide appropriate social distancing.
- Occupancy in the cafeteria will be restricted.
- Service times will be extended to allow for reduced occupancy.
- To-go options will be available to all students and employees.

IN CASE OF A POSITIVE or SUSPECTED POSITIVE

If a member of the campus community tests positive, the NM Department of Health is responsible for conducting contact tracing. The COVID-19 positive individual may not come to work, or attend classes, and must follow current CDC guidance regarding self-quarantine or self-isolation. Any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will need to be cleared to return by their health care provider and in accordance with CDC guidance. NMJC will cooperate fully with the Dept. of Health and will support all efforts for contact tracing.

If a member of the campus community is exhibiting any of the common symptoms (temperature above 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, muscle pain, chills, repeated shaking with chills, or loss of taste or smell) the individual will be asked to leave the area and go home for the day. The college is in the process of establishing a safe area where an individual could be isolated from others while waiting for transportation home. This process will be amended as needed based on the most current CDC guidelines.

CLEANING AFTER A POSITIVE TEST NOTIFICATION

A COVID-19 enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocol developed by the Physical Plant will be applied in all cases in which a person with COVID-19 spent time in college spaces from 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms until seven days have passed since the person was present in a college space. This disinfection process uses CDC-approved methods, supplies, and guidance.

WHAT IF?

In April 2020, NMJC prepared a look-forward document that outlined a range of possibilities related to academic operations. As of this time, those possibilities still exist:

Possible Operating Scenarios:

1. Classes and semester operating as "usual":

Face-to-face, ITV, online, labs, etc. Obviously, this would be our preferred mode of operation, a return to some range of normal operations.

- Even if we are able to begin and operate in a traditional classroom-based fashion, we may face some limits on exactly how we can operate.
- The current draft of the Governor's phased opening of NM allows for traditional face-to-face classes but does require continued social distancing and reduced numbers in the classrooms. Unfortunately, that is the limit of the current guidance and it may, obviously, shift throughout the summer.
- Our current plan is to conduct enrollment as if we have a reasonable level of normalcy in operations. However, it is realistic to expect that we may need to make a shift that reduces the actual number of students in a classroom at any one time. This might be accomplished by "splitting" the class and having half the students attend on Day 1 and the remaining half attend on Day 2 (an unexpected opportunity created by our new two-day class schedule). This would mean that classes have to operate in more of a hybrid mode with more material delivered online. Nevertheless, it would still allow students to attend class and have direct contact with their instructors.

2. Unexpected rolling "blackouts":

We have to anticipate that the government(s) will be highly sensitive to any signs of returning contagion. We might face periods when the government, or health care community, call for limited shutdowns of schools and other public activities (not a return to the shelter-in-place order, rather some shorter term limits on larger-than-average gatherings. Public schools, colleges, and universities are prime targets for short-term public health orders.

3. Full closure by executive or regulatory order:

If the pandemic returns, as many experts predict, we could face a full shut down at any time during the semester. This, of course, would necessitate the same kind of shift to online education we just experienced this semester.

4. Unexpected threats, internal exposure, and associated restrictions:

If we have learned anything from this year, it is to realize that the unexpected can happen at any time and with unnerving speed. Regardless of our intentions to operate in as normal a fashion as possible, we have to be prepared to shift operations with as little as 24-hour notice.

Faculty Preparations for fall 2020 (and a potential shift to online classes):

- Communication will be essential. This includes communication between faculty members, faculty and academic leadership, and between faculty and students. We will be placing a higher than usual emphasis on use of communications tools, most especially e-mail.
- Effective use of Canvas <u>by all classes and faculty</u> will be essential to not only success in classes but in being prepared for unexpected changes to our operations [please note that <u>all faculty</u>, full time and adjunct will be required to have their classes operating in Canvas]. We will have an expectation that every class is active in Canvas and that every faculty member will have a plan for shifting to a fully online environment with little notice. To achieve this objective, Canvas preparations must include:
 - Active engagement with Canvas from the beginning of each class. Students must learn that Canvas is their central location for information, coordination of assignments and grades, and where they will receive timely information.
 - To the greatest extent possible, faculty will load as much course information, resources, and information about campus support (tutoring, etc.) into each Canvas shell. This early loading of information coupled with early activity in Canvas will make any later, unexpected shift more seamless.
 - It will be important to include in the Canvas shell pertinent information about counseling, housing support, food support and other social/student support opportunities. This is information will be provided by Student Services and will be formatted for inclusion in Canvas.
 - Faculty members should emphasize getting students, and themselves, comfortable working in Canvas.
 - While plans are to operate campus testing services as usual, we must be prepared for unexpected closure of the Testing Center. Plans for proctored exams must include multiple options and alternatives for students depending on the availability of testing services.

Please understand that we are not suggesting that every class is an online course. Far from it, classrooms will still be the center of activity for courses as well as ITV sections. But more extensive engagement with Canvas – for information, as a source of support, for up-to-date grades, submission of assignments, etc. – will better prepare students and faculty for a sudden requirement to shift operations to a different mode.

- If the class depends on hands-on training and/or clinical experience, it will be important to front-load as much of these activities as possible into the early parts of the semester. As we learned this semester, a sudden halt to face-to-face classes has the most negative impact on hands-on activities. Shifting how and when hands-on training takes place can be very disruptive and difficult.
- Instructional staff must be prepared for requirements to establish social distancing or group size rules. We hope it is unlikely, but it is possible the college will need to make adjustments that

reduce the number of students in a classroom at any one time. At this time, the college will continue to enroll students into classes based on normal classroom configuration. Plans for alternative configuration and/or class attendance will be discussed during the fall in-service meetings.

Notes:

- 1. For the coming year we will depend more on full time faculty and plan for reducing the role of adjunct faculty. This temporary shift will better support any sudden shift we need to make in operations this fall.
- 2. Student engagement (early and often) will be more important than ever.
- 3. We will need to utilize all available tools and develop high familiarity with Canvas and associated tools (video, Softchalk, etc.).
- 4. We will need to re-engage our withdrawal system that relies heavily on faculty support for students who are seeking to drop their class.
- 5. Efforts will be made to strengthen student support services such as early alert processes and tutoring (making it more readily available across modes of delivery).
- 6. Faculty and staff need to be aware of the slight shifts in dates that have resulted from the move to a four-day instructional week.
- 7. Faculty must be very thoughtful and intentional about choices of course materials with an understanding that some items do not shift well into an online environment.
- 8. Finally, we must always be aware of the technical limitations out students face (lack of computers, limited Internet access, etc.).

New Mexico Junior College Facial Covering Policy

New Mexico Junior College ("NMJC") requires all members of the NMJC Community (students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors and contractors) to wear a mask or multilayer cloth face covering¹ on the NMJC campus as provided below:

I. <u>Requirements</u>

- A. In public settings² on campus including, but not limited to, classrooms and other spaces used for teaching, and creative activity, Ben Alexander Student Center, library, hallways, elevators, stairwells, restrooms, break rooms, foyers, event rooms and lobbies; or
- B. Other areas where physical distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained. Even when physical distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained, face coverings are strongly recommended.

II. Exceptions

- A. When eating, drinking or exercising, which should still be conducted maintaining physical distance;
- B. In accordance with applicable law {e.g., an accommodation, including for medical reasons, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)};
- C. For children under the age of 2 years old; or
- D. By an instructor/presenter in a classroom or event room when a physical distance of at least 6 feet can be maintained from the class members/audience.

With prior NMJC approval, units and departments may set other reasonable guidelines and policies that are particularly tailored to their specific workplace, healthcare, or learning environment (e.g., residence halls, recreation centers, athletics facilities, performance venues).

Although failure to comply with this facial covering policy may lead to disciplinary action, efforts will first be made to educate members of the NMJC Community of the need for facial coverings to control the spread of COVID-19. Warnings will be given before disciplinary action is taken.

¹For more information about face covering guidelines from the CDC, please see:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

² Public Settings do not include, and therefore facial coverings are not required in, individual offices or office suites where social distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained.



JULY 9, 2020

As the NJCAA continues to evaluate pertinent information regarding the impact of COVID-19, the NJCAA Presidential Advisory Council is proposing the below plan of action for NJCAA fall, winter, and spring sports.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY & HALF MARATHON

Fall Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 1, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting August 20, 2020.
- Maximum of ten (10) competition dates combined for cross country and half marathon.
- NJCAA Division III Men's & Women's Cross Country Championship held November 7, 2020 at Stanley Park in Westfield, MA.
- NJCAA Division I and Division II Men's & Women's Cross Country Championship held November 14, 2020 at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, IA.
- NJCAA Men's and Women's Half Marathon Championship held November 17, 2020 at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, IA.

NJCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S TENNIS

Fall Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 1, 2020.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting August 20, 2020.
- Maximum of 35 competition dates combined for fall and spring.
- NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship held October 30 November 1, 2020 at Peachtree City Tennis Center in Peachtree City, GA.
- Changes to the 2020 NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis season may be made based on participation numbers.

NJCAA FOOTBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Practice and scrimmages permitted August 15, 2020 October 10, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmages (not dates) against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting March 1, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting March 25, 2021.
- Maximum of seven (7) games through May 15, 2021.
- NJCAA Football Championship and NJCAA Football Bowl Games beginning June 3, 2021.



NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fall Practice Season

- Practice and scrimmages permitted September 1, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of five (5) scrimmages (not dates) against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting March 15, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting April 3, 2021.
- Maximum of 14 games through May 15, 2021.
- · All region and / or district competition completed by May 24, 2021.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Soccer Championships beginning June 2, 2021.

NJCAA COURT VOLLEYBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Practice and scrimmages permitted September 1, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of six (6) scrimmages (not dates) against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 4, 2021.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- Maximum of 20 competition dates through March 20, 2021.
- · All region and / or district competition completed by April 3, 2021.
- NJCAA Volleyball Championships held April 8-10, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Practice and scrimmages permitted September 15, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Maximum of five (5) scrimmages (not dates) against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 11, 2021.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 29, 2021.
- Maximum of 21 games through March 27, 2021.
- All region championship competition completed by April 3, 2021.
- All district championship competition completed by April 10, 2021.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Basketball Championships beginning April 19, 2021.



NJCAA WRESTLING

Fall Practice Season

- Practice permitted October 1, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmages dates against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 4, 2021.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 20, 2021.
- Maximum of 14 competition dates through April 8, 2021.
- · All region and / or district competition completed by April 15, 2021.
- NJCAA Wrestling Championships held April 23-24, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Fall Practice Season

- Practice and scrimmages permitted September 15, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmages dates against outside competition. Scrimmage times may not be used for national meet qualification.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 4, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 18, 2021.
- · Maximum of 17 regular season competition dates.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships held March 5-6, 2020.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S BOWLING

Winter Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting October 1, 2020.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting October 30, 2020.
- · Maximum of 22 regular season competition dates.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Bowling Championships held March 4-6, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Fall Practice Season

- Practice and scrimmages permitted September 15, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmages dates against outside competition. Scrimmage times may not be used for national meet qualification.

Winter Championship Season

- Practice and competition will be permitted to begin starting January 11, 2021
- Maximum of 16 regular season competition dates.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Championships held April 28, 2021 May 1, 2021.



NJCAA BASEBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 31, 2020.
- Competition will be permitted September 5, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of 15 scrimmages (not dates) against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- · Maximum of 56 games (not dates) against outside competition.
- NJCAA Division III Baseball Word Series held May 29, 2021 June 2-3, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series held May 29, 2021 June 4/5, 2021.
- NJCAA Division II Baseball World Series held May 29, 2021 June 4/5, 2021.

NJCAA BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 31, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted September 5, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of four (4) scrimmage dates against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting March 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted April 1, 2021 May 15, 2021.
- · Maximum of 16 dates against outside competition.

NJCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Fall Practice Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 31, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted September 5, 2020 October 31, 2020.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- · Maximum of 30 dates against outside competition combined between fall and spring.
- NJCAA Women's Golf Championship held May 10-13, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship held May 11-14, 2021.
- NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship held May 18-21, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship held June 7-11, 2021.



NJCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Fall Practice Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 31, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted September 5, 2020 October 31, 2020.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 15, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting February 21, 2021.
- Maximum of 22 dates against outside competition combined between fall and spring.
- NJCAA Men's and Women's Lacrosse Championship held May 15-16, 2021.

NJCAA SOFTBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 31, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted September 5, 2020 October 31, 2020.
- Maximum of seven (7) scrimmage dates against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- · Maximum of 30 dates against outside competition.
- NJCAA Division I Softball Championship held May 26-29, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Softball Championship held May 27-29, 2021.

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S, DIVISION I MEN'S & DIVISION III MEN'S TENNIS

Fall Practice Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 31, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted September 5, 2020 October 31, 2020.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- · Maximum of 35 dates against outside competition combined between fall and spring.
- NJCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship held May 1-5, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship held May 17-21, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championship held May 14-16, 2021.

SPECIAL NOTES

- * All championship dates are subject to change based on championship facility availability.
- * For the fall 2020 semester, eligibility must be filed for the following sports only:
 - Division III Women's Tennis
 - Men's and Women's Cross Country
 - Men's and Women's Half Marathon
 - Men's and Women's Bowling
- * All other sports will file one-semester eligibility for the spring 2021 semester.

New Mexico Junior College Facial Covering Policy

New Mexico Junior College ("NMJC") requires all members of the NMJC Community (students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors and contractors) to wear a mask or multilayer cloth face covering¹ on the NMJC campus as provided below:

I. <u>Requirements</u>

- A. In public settings² on campus including, but not limited to, classrooms and other spaces used for teaching, and creative activity, Ben Alexander Student Center, library, hallways, elevators, stairwells, restrooms, break rooms, foyers, event rooms and lobbies; or
- B. Other areas where physical distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained. Even when physical distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained, face coverings are strongly recommended.

II. Exceptions

- A. When eating, drinking or exercising, which should still be conducted maintaining physical distance;
- B. In accordance with applicable law {e.g., an accommodation, including for medical reasons, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)};
- C. For children under the age of 2 years old; or
- D. By an instructor/presenter in a classroom or event room when a physical distance of at least 6 feet can be maintained from the class members/audience.

With prior NMJC approval, units and departments may set other reasonable guidelines and policies that are particularly tailored to their specific workplace, healthcare, or learning environment (e.g., residence halls, recreation centers, athletics facilities, performance venues).

Although failure to comply with this facial covering policy may lead to disciplinary action, efforts will first be made to educate members of the NMJC Community of the need for facial coverings to control the spread of COVID-19. Warnings will be given before disciplinary action is taken.

¹For more information about face covering guidelines from the CDC, please see:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

² Public Settings do not include, and therefore facial coverings are not required in, individual offices or office suites where social distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained.



JULY 13, 2020

As the NJCAA continues to evaluate pertinent information regarding the impact of COVID-19, the NJCAA Presidential Advisory Council is proposing the below plan of action for NJCAA fall, winter, and spring sports.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY & HALF MARATHON

Fall Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 1, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting August 20, 2020.
- Maximum of ten (10) competition dates combined for cross country and half marathon.
- NJCAA Division III Men's & Women's Cross Country Championship held November 7, 2020 at Stanley Park in Westfield, MA.
- NJCAA Division I and Division II Men's & Women's Cross Country Championship held November 14, 2020 at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, IA.
- NJCAA Men's and Women's Half Marathon Championship held November 17, 2020 at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, IA.

NJCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S TENNIS

Fall Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting August 1, 2020.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting August 20, 2020.
- Maximum of 35 competition dates combined for fall and spring.
- NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship held October 30 November 1, 2020 at Peachtree City Tennis Center in Peachtree City, GA.
- Changes to the 2020 NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis season may be made based on participation numbers.

NJCAA FOOTBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within August 15, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Maximum of three (3) scrimmage dates against outside competition. Each scrimmage limited to one outside opponent.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting March 1, 2021.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting March 25, 2021.
- Maximum of eight (8) games through May 22, 2021.
- NJCAA Football Championship held June 3, 2021.
- · Discussion on any additional bowl games will take place in the future.



NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within August 15, 2020 -November 15, 2020.
- Allowed four (4) scrimmage dates in total for the year, with a maximum of two (2) scrimmages allowed in the spring. Each scrimmage limited to no more than two outside opponents.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting March 15, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting April 2, 2021.
- Maximum of 14 games.
- · All regular season, region, and district competition completed by May 24, 2021.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Soccer Championships beginning June 2, 2021.

NJCAA COURT VOLLEYBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within August 15, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Allowed five (5) scrimmage dates in total for the year, with a maximum of two (2) scrimmage dates allowed in the spring. Each scrimmage limited to no more than two outside opponents.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 11, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 29, 2021.
- · Maximum of 21 competition dates.
- · All regular season, region, and district competition completed by April 3, 2021.
- NJCAA Volleyball Championships held April 15-17, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 15, 2020 December 15, 2020.
- Allowed five (5) scrimmage dates in total for the year, with a maximum of two (2) scrimmage dates allowed in the spring. Each scrimmage limited to no more than two outside opponents.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 11, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- Maximum of 22 games.
- All regular season, region, and district championship competition completed by April 10, 2021.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Basketball Championships beginning April 19, 2021.



NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S BOWLING

Winter Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting October 1, 2020.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting October 30, 2020.
- · Maximum of 22 regular season competition dates.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Bowling Championships held March 4-6, 2021.

NJCAA WRESTLING

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 15, 2020 December 15, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmage dates against outside competition. Each scrimmage limited to two outside opponents.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 4, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 20, 2021.
- · Maximum of 14 competition dates.
- All regular season, region, and district competition completed by April 15, 2021.
- NJCAA Wrestling Championships held April 23-24, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 15, 2020 December 15, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmage dates against outside competition. Each scrimmage limited to two outside opponents. Scrimmage times may not be used for national meet qualification.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 4, 2021 for indoor and outdoor track & field.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 18, 2021 for indoor and outdoor track & field.
- Maximum of 17 competition dates combined between indoor and outdoor track & field.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships held March 5-6, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships held May 11-13, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships held May 6-8, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 15, 2020 -December 15, 2020.
- Maximum of two (2) scrimmage dates against outside competition. Each scrimmage limited to two outside opponents. Scrimmage times may not be used for national meet qualification.



NJCAA MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING CONTINUED

Spring Championship Season

- Practice and competition will be permitted to begin starting January 11, 2021
- Maximum of 16 regular season competition dates.
- NJCAA Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Championships held April 28, 2021 May 1, 2021.

NJCAA BASEBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 5, 2020 -November 15, 2020.
- · Maximum of 15 scrimmages (not dates) against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- Maximum of 56 games (not dates) against outside competition.
- · All regular season, region, and district competition completed by May 23, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Baseball Word Series held May 29, 2021 June 2-3, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series held May 29, 2021 June 4/5, 2021.
- NJCAA Division II Baseball World Series held May 29, 2021 June 4/5, 2021.

NJCAA BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 5, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Allowed five (4) scrimmage dates in total for the year, with a maximum of two (2) scrimmage dates allowed in the spring. Each scrimmage limited to no more than two outside opponents.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting March 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted April 1, 2021 May 15, 2021.
- · Maximum of 16 dates against outside competition.

NJCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 5, 2020 -November 15, 2020.
- · Maximum of 30 dates against outside competition combined between fall and spring.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- NJCAA Women's Golf Championship held May 10-13, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship held May 11-14, 2021.
- NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship held May 18-21, 2021.



NJCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED

Spring Championship Season

• NJCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship held June 7-11, 2021.

NJCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 5, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Maximum of 22 dates against outside competition combined between fall and spring.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 15, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting February 21, 2021.
- NJCAA Men's and Women's Lacrosse Championship held May 15-16, 2021.

NJCAA SOFTBALL

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 5, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Maximum of seven (7) scrimmage dates against outside competition.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- · Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- · Maximum of 30 dates against outside competition.
- · All regular season, region, and district competition completed by May 19, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Softball Championship held May 25-29, 2021.
- NJCAA Division II Softball Championship held May 25-29, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Softball Championship held May 27-29, 2021.

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S, DIVISION I MEN'S & DIVISION III MEN'S TENNIS

Fall Practice Season

- Permitted 60 consecutive calendar days for practice and scrimmages within September 5, 2020 November 15, 2020.
- Maximum of 35 dates against outside competition combined between fall and spring.

Spring Championship Season

- Practice will be permitted to begin starting January 10, 2021.
- Competition will be permitted to begin starting January 22, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship held May 1-5, 2021.
- NJCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship held May 17-21, 2021.
- NJCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championship held May 14-16, 2021.



SPECIAL NOTES

- * All championship dates are subject to change based on championship facility availability.
- * For the fall 2020 semester, eligibility must be filed for the following sports only:
 - Division III Women's Tennis
 - Men's and Women's Cross Country
 - Men's and Women's Half Marathon
 - Men's and Women's Bowling
- * In the NJCAA, a scrimmage is athletic competition against any outside team or individual that is not an official contest or practice. Scrimmages must meet the NJCAA scrimmage definition defined in Article VII, Section 2.B and may not include more than two outside opponents.
- * Official eligibility must be filed in accordance with the national bylaws prior to the first competition.
- * Fall eligibility for golf and tennis must be filed when championship play of any kind takes place.
- * All final sport championship dates will be confirmed no later than July 31, 2020. As they are confirmed, membership will be notified.
- * All colleges must notify the NJCAA National Office by July 27, 2020 with their intentions for the 2020-21 academic year. To provide your institution's intentions, the Athletic Director must complete the information via NJCAA Connect which can be found **HERE**
- * For questions, please contact: Kim Whitestone (kwhitestone@njcaa.org) or Rod Lovett (rlovett@njcaa.org)