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Letter from President Randy Beutler to the SWOSU Community

SWOSU Students, Faculty & Staff,

To each and every one of you, I wish a relaxing and safe break over the upcoming holidays. You deserve it! I am very proud of the way that our faculty and staff have risen to the occasion during this pandemic and how our great students have conducted themselves under enormous strain.

During the break between the fall and spring semesters, I hope that you will continue to practice the recommended safety precautions to protect yourself, your families, and the SWOSU community upon your return in January. Please note that SWOSU will continue to take steps to ensure the safety of its students, faculty and staff for the Spring 2021 semester.

As you know, there is exciting news with the development of a COVID-19 vaccine. However, distribution will take time and we must continue our diligence by protecting one another until the pandemic has ended. Please make sure that you are aware of how the vaccine will be distributed in Oklahoma (If you reside in another state, please reach out and ask for information in your locality).

Even though it was developed quickly, this is a tested vaccine that will help our country return to a level of normalcy that we have not seen in many months. Please adhere to the medical experts' advice and get the vaccination as soon as it is available to you if you are medically able.

Below are links to websites that are constantly updated on how the vaccine will be distributed in Oklahoma. Please make sure you check back with these websites constantly or call your local county health department for more information.

OK Department of Health Vaccine Information: <https://oklahoma.gov/covid19/vaccine-information.html>.

COVID-19 Vaccine Priority Population Framework for Oklahoma: <https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/covid19/documents/vaccine/COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Priority%20Population%20Framework%20for%20Oklahoma%20-%2012-8-20.pdf>.

Finally, I would like to share this statement from Dr. Angela Gore, "The SWOSU Department of Nursing would like to encourage everyone to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. This virus has unleashed so much devastation upon our planet and has cost us more than 300,000 lives in America alone. This virus will continue to cause disruption to our daily lives until we achieve immunity. Receiving the vaccination will help to save lives!"

I look forward to seeing you on campus for the spring semester! Students, we will see you on Jan. 11!

Randy Beutler

President