



## Message from the Dean

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Good Morning Everyone,

Yesterday, Gov. Kelly announced she will issue an executive order next Monday to delay the opening of Kansas K-12 schools until after the Labor Day holiday. In her presentation, she commented "the additional three weeks will provide schools time to get masks, thermometers, hand sanitizer and other necessary COVID-19 mitigation supplies."

I'm sure you're wondering how this three-week delay will affect Washburn Tech. While discussions continue, as of today, the plan is to open the fall 2020 semester as planned on August 12. While this continues to be a fluid situation and subject to modification, we have been successful thus far in addressing the moving parts caused by the pandemic. Moreover, we continue to develop contingencies for reopening and adjustments that may be required throughout the semester. We are positioned to proceed with the delivery of course work while adhering to strict rules of physical distancing, wearing of masks and contact tracing.

Next week, a formal communique will be released on the coronavirus information page.

Best to you all,

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