



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest

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## Welcome to the 14th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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### WU Updates: Updates on reopening from president Stephen Thorsett

The Reopening Operations Committee (ROC) and its associated working groups have been developing policies and procedures for social distancing; personal protective equipment use; virus testing; classroom configuration and course schedules; dining; large events; and more. They must prepare both a baseline scenario and contingency plans to allow for our still-evolving understanding of the disease and the pandemic.

Highlights of the planned changes include: A Fall 2020 semester calendar starting Monday, August 24, and finishing on Wednesday, November 25. Labor Day will be an instructional day, and fall break is eliminated, in the interest of reducing student travel to and from campus;

Reassignments of campus space to reduce density in classrooms, workplaces, and residence halls, and the use of physical barriers and masks when needed to augment distancing strategies;

New protocols for enhanced cleaning and disinfection of facilities;

Collaboration with local public health authorities for virus testing, contact tracing, and isolation, and quarantine protocols for the event of exposure or illness.

**DINING:** Planning continues on ways to maximize dining options and flexibility while reducing density and eliminating high-risk features like buffet lines. *Goudy will not be open to the public this fall, focusing on students with meal plans.* Kaneko Cafe will be closed at least through fall semester.

We anticipate that the Bistro will be open. Bon Appetit staff are helping develop plans for Bistro traffic flow, seating and food service options.

Here are other key aspects of our reopening plans:

- Consistent with the Governor's order and public health recommendations, masks are required to be worn inside buildings on campus (including classrooms, workspaces and meeting rooms) and in other settings where maintaining 6 feet of distance is not feasible, both indoors and outdoors.
- To limit channels for disease transmission and to facilitate contact tracing, *campus spaces and buildings may be used only for official university business, remaining closed to the general public until further notice.*
- Students, staff, and faculty will be asked to conduct a self-check for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus every day.
- Signage will be used to remind everyone on campus of the importance of simple public health practices, including handwashing and/or the use of hand sanitizers, physical distancing, and the wearing of masks.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of campus spaces and the installation of plexiglass barriers in offices that experience high foot traffic will augment these basic precautions.

This is a new situation for all of us and not one that anybody would choose. But as we think about the ways that life on campus must be different this fall, I can't help but reflect on how these months of social isolation have made me even more excited than I usually am about Opening Days and the annual autumnal renewal of our vibrant academic community.

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## In the ICL News: Board Meeting Report from June 23rd

The ICL board met via Zoom on June 23rd. Some highlights that were decided include:

- **ICL will have classes this Fall.** Since we cannot meet in person, presentations will be online via Zoom. Since 4 hours a day would be a bit much to sit in front of a computer, the Curriculum Committee is working hard to fill the class schedule for Tuesday mornings from 10 to noon. The semester will begin on September 8th and likely go to the week before Thanksgiving, Tuesday, November 17th. More information will be available after next week's Curriculum Committee meeting.
- There will be no membership dues for the Fall semester and any checks sent in will be shredded.
- We will not be filling 16 membership openings from the Waiting List for Fall Semester.
- Since there will be no new members, a membership directory will not be printed for that semester. However, the online membership directory will be kept up-to-date, and a PDF will be available for the Fall semester.
- Zoom support and practice sessions will be available prior to the beginning of the semester to those of you new to this format.
- Look for a survey this Summer concerning the Fall Semester and the future of ICL. *We want your input!*

Minutes from the meeting should be available in about 10 days.

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## Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- Virtual **Happy Hour** on Fridays at 4:30PM.  
[Zoom in here](#)
- Virtual **Coffee Breaks** on Tuesdays at 10 AM *Just for fun, wear a hat!*  
[Zoom in here](#)

[Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL Website.

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[Best Road Trip in Each State:](#) from the Discoverer Blog

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[What the Milky Way looks like from the middle of the ocean:](#) Cargo Ship Officer Captures Stunning Shots of the Milky Way in the Middle of the Ocean

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[7 things to know about hand sanitizer:](#) From AARP under Health/Conditions and Treatments

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[Waste Reduction Virtual Events:](#)

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[Plants Fill Seats at the Barcelona Opera House](#)

"Barcelona's Gran Teatre del Liceu opera house reopened Monday and performed its first concert since the coronavirus lockdown — to an audience that didn't have to worry about social distancing." Instead of people, 2, 292 plants filled the concert hall seats. The plants will go to local health care workers after the performance.



These Willamette students wore masks for protection during the 1918 flu epidemic. From left to right: Ruby Ledbetter, Sybil McClure-Doughton, Mildred (Pip) Brown, Irene Hall Pederson, and Ethel Mocroft Bennett. Thank you, Steve Bennett, for donating this photo to Willamette Archives. Steve's grandmother Ethel is on the far right. Ledbetter (far left) is holding a Collegian dated Dec. 18, 1918.

A front page headline of that issue is "W.U. Soldiers Return" and mentions students returning from military training. One of these students was Frank Brown Bennett, Steve's grandfather who had not yet met Ethel. In addition to the students' married names, the writing on the back of the photo states: "Had to go home. Union Depot to catch train to Portland. Closed school because of epidemic."

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## Tech Tips: NEW WITS service request system:

### One SR System to Rule them All!

After 21 years, WITS is officially moving from a home-grown Service Request system to a new, more robust, department-wide Service Desk ticketing system. This single system is now used to request and track work done by all WITS units. Use this new system to submit tickets related to *email, classroom tech, wired and WiFi network, computer hardware, printers, software, administrative applications, data storage and retrieval, and just about anything related to technology at Willamette University.*

You can submit a WITS Service Request by selecting one of the general categories from a list. If you don't see what you are looking for, there's a list of "Frequently Requested" areas to find help (left column). You can also use the search box to find request types and help documentation. If you are unsure which request type to use, select "General Support".

[Start here to look for technical help or start a Service Request.](#)

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## COVID-19: Straight Answers from Top Epidemiologist Who Predicted the Pandemic

This is an interview with Dr. Osterholm, an internationally known expert in infectious disease epidemiology and author of the 2017 book, *Deadliest Enemy* in which he predicts a global pandemic and how to fight it and how to prevent it. This is one of the best articles on the virus so far. It's this kind of article that helps create a serious look at the reality of COVID-19.

Some highlights: 3 months ago, COVID-19 was not among the top 75 causes of death in the USA. Within the last month, it became the #1 cause of death. We can expect COVID-19 to infect 60-70% of Americans and the darkest days are ahead of us. [Read the details here.](#)

Dr. Osterholm, "I don't think we're going to see one, two and three waves — I think we're just going to see one very very difficult forest fire of cases."

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[Newsletter Archives](#)

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## [Artslandia Calendar](#) of Musical Events online

Nothing special needed. Just click on the Live video listed.

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**Salem Public Library Construction Chapters:** A series of videos put out by Sarah Strahl, the Salem Librarian, and Kathy Ursprung, City of Salem Community and Media Specialist. This inaugural edition of the SPL Construction Chapters is a ***Virtual Groundbreaking of the new Salem Public Library: Construction Chapters Episode 1*** (It's about 5 minutes)

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## Worth Repeating:

[Global Deaths Due to Various Causes and COVID-19 in 2020](#) - This is a dynamic graph showing the progression of deaths globally caused by 18 diseases, including COVID-19

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## Humor: Out of the mouths of babes...

A woman was trying to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added to the minister, "Mommy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

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## Questions?

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