

Several of your fellow admitted students have asked whether Fall 2021 classes will be held online or in-person. While the final decision will ultimately depend on the state of COVID-19 in North Dakota at that time, UND and the School of Law are currently planning for a return to in-person instruction (without reductions in classroom capacity) this fall. As the UND Provost Debbie Storrs expressed in her January 28 letter to faculty:

As we expect vaccinations to be available to all campus members well before the start of fall of 2021, our plan is to return to more typical operations including in-person classes with typical class sizes, in-person internships, in-person events and other in-person learning experiences. The transition plan to move from our current status to a more normal fall term will be possible with increased vaccinations, the mitigated spread of COVID-19 and is based on the advice of public health experts. Our UND Pandemic Team meets regularly, monitors the city, county, state and national COVID-19 situation, and will adjust our plans as necessary.

In his January 29 message to the UND community, President Andrew Armacost underscored this intention, stating that “[a] major UND goal for the fall semester is to re-open the campus in the same manner we did before the pandemic, which would mean face-to-face classes, campus activities and events, and normal dining and rooming arrangements.”

I understand that this response may not be as definitive as some would hope, but it is the most accurate and candid answer we can give at this time. We will provide updates as we can, but in the meantime please reach out and let us know if you have questions.

Thank you again for choosing UND Law, and we look forward to seeing you this fall!