

Message from Chancellor Marks



Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to update you that CU Denver will be closed on **Monday, June 19**, in observance of Juneteenth Day.

For background, I [wrote to you](#) in the fall about upcoming holidays that CU Denver was granting at the recommendation of a cross-functional committee with broad representation of departments, functions, and faculty, staff, and students. If you recall, we provided off on **Monday, Jan. 16** (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day) and **Friday, March 24** (the Friday of Spring Break) *and* provided one additional floating holiday that could be taken on **Monday, June 19** (Juneteenth) or on the observance of your choosing.

Since that time, we have learned that the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) will close the Auraria Campus on June 19, which means that the sister campuses of CU Denver, MSU Denver, and the Community College of Denver must follow suit.

What this means for you:

- **All faculty, staff, and students will have off on June 19, and the campus will be closed this day.**
- Any classes that were scheduled on June 19 have been cancelled, and the Registrar's Office has reworked the summer schedule to ensure that requisite instructional time is met in the semester.
- If you have already taken your floating holiday this fiscal year, that is fine and no further action is needed on your part. If you have not yet taken your floating holiday, you have until June 30, 2023, to use it.

Designated essential personnel as well as classified employees and university staff who are part of units that support both CU Denver and CU Anschutz should check with their supervisors to determine their eligibility. HR business partners will communicate instructions on how to record this time off on employee timesheets.

As we move forward, the committee studying our holiday and observance calendar will continue as they prepare a holistic recommendation for FY24. Please note that for the upcoming fiscal year, a determination has not yet been made about any floating or additional holidays beyond the [published](#)

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[scheduled](#). I am grateful to the committee for their thoughtful approach and am pleased to provide some extra time off for our community this fiscal year.

Hope you have a good summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Marks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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