

## June 19 Update Regarding Fall Semester 2020

To the UF Community:

Good afternoon Oiler Nation. As we prepare for the fall semester, the Emergency Operations Team sub-committee continues to meet weekly to create the [Oiler Start Safe & Stay Safe](#) plan which will be fully released in early July. As a follow-up to the [June 4 Campus Update](#) which provided details about sub-committee planning and initial recommendations/tasks, I wanted to share updates regarding some initial fall semester decisions and items in progress.

- Fall calendar
  - Classes will begin on August 17 as planned
  - Fall break will be eliminated
  - In person classes will end at Thanksgiving break and the remainder of the semester will be completed remotely
  - Students residing in on-campus housing will have the option to remain in their assigned housing after Thanksgiving if they need to stay in the Findlay area while they complete courses remotely (food service will also remain available)
  - Students residing in on-campus housing who depart at Thanksgiving break will receive a room (and board if applicable) credit for the time period after Thanksgiving break since they will not be living on-campus
- Social distancing and facility/event management
  - Guidelines and signage are being developed to promote social distancing and appropriate event management practices
  - Plexiglass is being installed in a number of high traffic areas
  - The physical arrangement of classrooms, meeting rooms, and event spaces is being assessed based on lower capacity requirements
  - Cleanliness and appropriate usage standards are being established
  - Cleaning supplies are being ordered so they will be available in classrooms, meeting rooms, main departmental offices, and common area spaces
  - Plans to replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations and touchless activation are being finalized
- COVID-19 testing
  - Through a collaboration with Blanchard Valley Hospital, the Cosiano Health Center will be able to provide employees and students access to testing at a reduced cost
- Health checks
  - An online form is being developed for employees and students to use to answer basic screening questions and report their temperature daily
- Face masks/coverings
  - Will be required for employees and students in certain settings and recommended for other settings

- Specific guidelines will be finalized after additional guidance from the State of Ohio is received
- Face shields
  - Face shields are being ordered so they can be utilized in all lab settings as well as any other areas where that would be preferable to a face mask
- Contact tracing
  - A program is being considered for implementation through UF's Telehealth Center
- Course delivery plans (including experiential learning, labs, student teaching, clinicals, internships...)
  - Plans for face to face, hybrid delivery, and fully online courses are being finalized
  - Classroom capacities are being adjusted to support social distancing requirements
  - Online support services for different course formats are being expanded
- On-campus housing and dining
  - August opening guidelines intended to spread out move-in so social distancing can be maintained are being finalized
  - Quarantine locations are being set in the event they are needed
  - Henderson dining hall has been reconfigured to support social distancing

As plans continue to be worked on, more information will be shared later this month and throughout July. If you would like to access any of the other campus updates that have been sent out over the past months, please visit the [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Information](#) web page. Links to all updates are located in the Campus Communications section. If you have suggestions or questions, please email them to [coronavirus@findlay.edu](mailto:coronavirus@findlay.edu). Additionally, we would encourage you to download the Oiler Mobile App (available at App Store and Google Play), and enable push notifications.

As always, thank you for your understanding and thoughtful feedback. Have a good weekend.

Regards,

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