

## June 4 Campus 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. At this time, I thought it might be helpful to share the following list which reflects the planning areas and some of the initial recommendations and/or tasks. This list is not exhaustive, but I hope it does give a sense of the depth and breadth of items being given attention prior to fall classes starting.

### **Fall Planning Areas of Focus and Recommendations/Tasks**

- Fall calendar
  - Begin classes on August 17 as planned
  - Eliminate fall break
  - End in person classes at Thanksgiving break and complete the remainder of the semester remotely
- Social distancing and event management
  - Create clear guidelines for the campus
  - Provide clear communications and uniform signage to support this
  - Develop guidelines for on campus events, off campus events, athletic events, student organization events...
- COVID-19 testing
  - Provide employees and students access to testing utilizing outside providers
- Health checks
  - Require employees to answer basic screening questions and report their temperature daily
  - Share health screening questions with students and ask them to check their temperature daily
  - Require employees and students to contact Cosiano if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms
  - Determine quarantine guidelines
- Face masks/coverings
  - Required for employees and students in certain settings and recommended for other settings
  - Specific guidelines to be finalized after additional guidance from the State of Ohio is received
- Face shields
  - Provide access to face shields for use in all lab settings as well as any other areas where that would be preferable to a face mask
- Contact tracing
  - Implement a program through UF's Telehealth Center

- Course delivery plans (including experiential learning, labs, student teaching, clinicals, internships...)
  - Determine appropriate modalities for courses to include face to face, hybrid delivery, and fully online
  - Assess fall enrollments to plan for classroom setup and usage given social distancing requirements
  - Determine technology needs
  - Provide appropriate support services for different course formats
- Physical arrangement of classrooms, meeting rooms, and event spaces
  - Assess campus spaces to determine appropriate setup given social distancing requirements
- Management of regularly used common areas (e.g. lounges, meeting areas, recreation areas, computer labs, laundry spaces...)
  - Set and maintain cleanliness and appropriate usage standards
  - Install plexiglass in high traffic reception areas as needed
  - Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations
- On-campus housing and dining protocols
  - Create August opening guidelines to spread out move-in so social distancing can be maintained
  - Identify locations for quarantine use if needed
  - Set guidelines for use of common area spaces in on-campus housing
  - Change setup of Henderson to ensure social distancing
  - Arrange to have food served
  - Modify hours and offerings as needed to accommodate lower capacity in Henderson
- Campus wide cleaning protocols
  - Create a cleaning strategy for the campus
  - Make cleaning supplies available in classrooms, meeting rooms, main departmental offices, and common area spaces
  - Determine the role everyone in the UF community will need to play in keeping the campus clean
- Third party access to campus facilities while classes are in session
  - Have contractors and visitors adhere to the same guidelines in place for employees and students
- Return to work/school guidance
  - As needed, create waivers that focus on risk of exposure to “infectious diseases” and not just COVID-19
  - Provide employee and student education programs to raise awareness of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases
  - Create Plans/policies for assisting immunocompromised individuals and/or individuals who are not comfortable functioning in a live class or work environment due to COVID-19 concerns
  - Create travel and transportation guidelines
  - Determine domestic guidelines needed

- Determine international exchanges and travel guidelines needed
- Resources
  - Provide access to CDC, State of Ohio, and NCAA guidance resources related to COVID-19 and infectious disease
  - Expand the online availability of student support services

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. As we continue to plan for fall semester, we will share updates in as timely a manner as possible.

Regards,

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