

November 13 Campus Update Regarding Fall Semester

To the UF Community:

Earlier this week, Governor DeWine held a press conference to discuss the quickly rising cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, and then Hancock County moved to the “red” level. Given this, we wanted to clarify plans for the remainder of the semester and remind you about what you can do to slow the spread of this virus.

- While the original plan to hold in-person classes until Tuesday Nov. 25 and then complete the semester virtually is still in place, we understand that some faculty and students might prefer to move to virtual classes sooner. Faculty who wish to move a class to fully virtual prior to Thanksgiving should notify their Dean, the Oiler Success Center, and all students in the course. Students who would prefer to move to virtual attendance prior to Thanksgiving should notify the Oiler Success Center as well as their instructors.
- Even though the number of cases on campus is trending down this week, Hancock County numbers are rising. As a result, we all need to do the following:
 - On campus
 - Wear a face covering *inside* all buildings (classrooms, hallways, offices, public spaces, and common areas).
 - Wear a face covering *outside* when safe physical distancing from others (at least six feet) is not possible.
 - Ask others politely to wear a face covering if you see they are not.
 - Remember that eating in class is not permitted since face coverings must be worn while in class.
 - When in Henderson, the CBSL/AMU/Davis St. Building common areas, wear face coverings at all times except when you are actually in the direct act of eating or drinking.
 - Off campus
 - Wear face coverings as required by the state of Ohio.
 - Maintain physical distance when around others.
 - Avoid group gatherings of more than ten.
 - On or off campus
 - Use the [Daily Health Monitoring Tool](#) every day.
 - Follow the [Oiler Pledge](#).
 - Follow the [Oiler Start Safe & Stay Safe Plan](#).
 - If you don't feel well, stay home and contact the Cosiano Health Center.
 - Practice good hygiene and handwashing.
- Campus events will remain limited to 50 individuals, and must be in a space that can accommodate six feet of physical distance. Face Coverings must also be worn at all times.

We know that these guidelines may not be popular with everyone, but it is critical that we as a campus do everything we can to reduce the spread on-campus and in the community we all live in. Learning, living and working through this pandemic has been a stressful experience, but I am very appreciative of everyone's efforts to try and address it together. I ask that all of us continue to take this situation very seriously so everyone can have a healthy holiday season and a spring semester.

As always, if you have any questions please email the coronavirus@findlay.edu email address and we will do our best to address your questions and concerns.

Regards,

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