October 14 Campus Update Regarding Spring Semester

To the UF Community:

Good morning Oiler Nation. With fall semester well under way, the Emergency Operations Team continues to meet to modify the <u>Oiler Start Safe & Stay Safe</u> plan as needed, but has also been discussing spring semester. Given the discussion that has taken place, we wanted to share the following updates regarding the spring semester along with the attached revised calendar:

- Spring courses will continue to be delivered in mixed modalities (face-to-face, hybrid, and online) similar to fall courses.
- Faculty should prepare spring courses for fully remote delivery if needed as a contingency.
- Standard spring semester classes will begin as scheduled on January 11, but the first week of those classes will be delivered fully online.
- Live in-person classes (face-to-face and hybrid) will resume on January 19.
- Residence Halls will open on January 16 for students to return to campus (arrivals prior to that will only be approved for extenuating circumstances).
- Spring Break has been removed from the calendar, and that week will now be a regular week of classes.
- With the elimination of Spring Break, five instructional days throughout the semester have been identified as break days on which no classes will be held (see attached calendar).

These modifications for the spring semester are being made to allow for more travel time after the holidays in the event there are COVID issues, and to limit travel during the semester to reduce risk of COVID exposure. The approach we are taking to spring semester is consistent with other institutions in Ohio. We will continue to keep the campus updated about COVID and spring semester as we move through the rest of fall.

If you would like to access any of the other campus updates that have been sent out over the past months, please visit the <u>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information</u> web page. Links to all updates are located in the Campus Communications section. If you have suggestions or questions, please email them to <u>coronavirus@findlay.edu</u>. 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.

Regards,

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