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## **2020 University Reopening Presentation**

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## A Healthy Campus Environment



**UF is committed to creating a healthy environment for all members of the campus community, including faculty, staff, students and visitors.**

- Return to campus predicated upon UF Health *Screen. Test. Protect.* program for employees and students.
- Face covering, physical distancing, and classroom design requirements to be guided by evolving guidance from the CDC and UF Health. Current expectations are that face coverings are mandatory in all UF and UF Health facilities.
- Supporting policies and procedures have been developed to address new requirements and behavioral expectations.
- Offer additional personal protective equipment to faculty and staff who will be in regular, extended contact with students in enclosed spaces.
- CDC-approved cleaning protocols established for the maintenance of all UF facilities, including sanitizing stations widely deployed in facilities.
- On-campus residence halls will be open for fall, without an option for triple occupancy.
- Residence halls will offer enhanced cleaning protocols, added training for staff, and a modified visitation policy to limit guests.

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## A Healthy Community Environment



**UF aspires to be the best partner we can be, remaining mindful that our relationship with our community is symbiotic—each needing the other to create a safe environment.**

- Strong relationships and coordination with City and County governments, including collaboration in food insecurity and coronavirus testing for city employees, first responders and vulnerable populations.
- University Athletics will comply with UF, NCAA and SEC standards to return employees and student-athletes and prepare for potential competition.
- Approach for students that emphasizes education, engagement and enforcement strategies, including a campus survey to assess perceptions of behaviors related to COVID-19.
- Student groups, including sororities and fraternities, that wish to reopen in fall must submit plans to maintain health and safety.
- Coordination with off-campus business and community partners (e.g., gyms, grocery stores, apartments, bars & restaurants, etc.) as well as civic and educational partners.
- Regular communication and coordination with Gainesville-area partners stresses a model of shared responsibility.

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## COVID-19 Virus Testing



### **UF is implementing a comprehensive screen, test, and protect program to return faculty, staff and students to campus, at no cost to individuals.**

- A phased approach to bringing employees back determined by each college/department in coordination with UF Human Resources is being implemented. All employees are screened, and most are tested.
- All students will undergo a screening assessment for COVID-19 risk factors as they return to campus; at-risk students will receive medical triage and COVID-19 testing. Testing will be mandatory for the following:
  - Symptomatic students
  - Students in clinical settings (contact with patients)
  - Students in research settings who have contact with human subjects and cannot practice physical distancing.
- Students arriving from states listed in any then-applicable emergency order from Florida's Governor executive order (or internationally) must either quarantine at their own expense for 14 days or be tested and cleared (free of charge to the student).
- UF Health *Screen. Test. Protect.* materials will be distributed throughout the enterprise to consistently reinforce health and welfare communications.

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## Contact Tracing and Surveillance



**UF remains ready to support tracing efforts as deemed necessary by local, county, and state officials. In the meantime, UF will continue its efforts that include screening, testing, and protecting the campus community through a variety of measures.**

- Partnering with Florida Department of Health concerning contact tracing. UF Health employees are participating at the request of DOH.
- Daily monitoring of the local health care system capacity and number of COVID-19 cases.
- Working with UF Health experts and epidemiologists to identify triggers that may require tightening restrictions.
- Students who become symptomatic will receive a COVID-19 test and be quarantined if COVID-19 positive.
- Contacts with positive cases will be traced for exposure assessment in accordance with Department of Health rules and processes.
- Agreements with housing providers are in place to isolate students that need to be quarantined, as needed.
- Students placed in quarantine will be provided with food, sundries, counseling and other services, as needed.



### **UF delivers instruction through face-to-face, hybrid and online modalities, and is a national leader in online and hybrid instruction/delivery.**

- Primary goal is to assure that as many students as possible can make appropriate academic progress while minimizing the risk of a significant flare-up of COVID-19.
- Critical measures for academic delivery include *student retention and success* and *time to degree*.
- Class sizes and delivery formats have been considered in all venues and the appropriate combination of online, physical distancing, sanitation, masks, and other safety measures will be used.
- Fall academic programming will be designed to accommodate remote arrangement for as many students and faculty with serious underlying health conditions as possible.
- Faculty encouraged to have a continuity of education plan in case of a COVID-19 flare-up.
- Efforts are being made to enable an optional return to campus after Thanksgiving break for as many students as possible.
- Entire fall course schedule is being updated and students will re-register in early July.



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