

From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Stephanie Davis](#); [Andrew Newton](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [John D. Griffin](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: Clinical learning exemption for graduate student nurses
Date: August 18, 2020 6:22:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

August 19, 2020

Dear Stephanie and Andrew,

Effective August 19, 2020, graduate student nurse practitioner face-to-face clinical experiences are approved with the following requirements:

1. The health care facilities and hospitals where the student nurse practitioners are getting their clinical experience must have COVID-19 protocols and share them with you.
2. You two must review the protocols and confirm that they are reasonable and appropriate.

This procedure is in force so long as Clemson University is in all-online teaching mode. If and when the University permits blended or fully face-to-face teaching (e.g., as currently planned starting on September 21) this procedure no longer applies. If the University enacts stricter requirements regarding teaching modalities, this procedure will need to be reviewed by the University leadership.

Thank you for your careful work to support our graduate student nurse practitioners!

Respectfully,

Bob

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Academic Affairs and Provost
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From: [Clemson News](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: A life of extraordinary service; new USDA grant for virtual technology; graduate and faculty updates
Date: September 7, 2020 9:06:14 AM

CLEMSON NEWS | UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

September 07, 2020



Health care and courage: School of Nursing pioneer became highest-ranking female service member in Afghanistan

Elizabeth "Libby" Steadman didn't set out to break new ground for women, serve her country in two wars or be enshrined in a museum in Washington, D.C., but most people who lead extraordinary lives don't plan to do so. Making a significant impact often comes naturally. [READ MORE](#)

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USDA grant will support quest to modernize the teaching of soil science

A team in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences was awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture Higher Education Challenge grant for their idea to adapt field research technologies for use virtually in teaching soil science to students. [READ MORE](#)

Chemistry grads named to C&EN's Talented 12 Class of 2020

Not one but two Clemson University College of

Science graduates have been named to Chemical & Engineering News' prestigious Talented 12 Class of 2020. [READ MORE](#)



Clemson names Petty chair of forestry and environmental conservation

Having watched from the periphery as Clemson established itself as an exceptional land-grant institution on the national stage, Todd Petty says the opportunity to lead its Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation to the next level was one he could not pass up. [READ MORE](#)

FROM THE EXPERTS



Lior Rennert, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Biostatistics

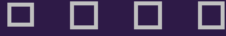
Forecasting and trends are an important part of monitoring any infectious disease, including COVID-19. Rennert is studying the impacts of non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., social distancing) on mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and on factors affecting disease severity in COVID-19 patients. His work also involves testing and reopening strategies. Rennert is available to speak to the role of social distancing and testing on mitigating spread, as well as modeling recommendations for reopening. [CLICK HERE](#) to request an interview.



Scott L. Baier

Professor and Chair, John E. Walker Department of Economics

COVID-19 is impacting more than our health, its effect on the economy is unquestionable. Baier is available for stories you are working on about the economic impact of COVID-19 and can provide economic analysis of this event and legislation. His award-winning research focuses on international trade and economic growth and development. [CLICK HERE](#) to request an interview.



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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Berinthia Allison](#); [Phil Landreth](#)
Subject: Academic Exemption Request: Petition to allow undergrad TAs on campus to teach Human Anatomy and Physiology I
Date: August 26, 2020 1:10:26 PM
Attachments: [BioSci-Cummings-request-for-\[REDACTED\]-2020-8-21.docx](#)
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Good afternoon sir,

Please see the attached request from Saara DeWalt for Dr. Cummings (Biological Sciences) to allow **21 students** (names attached) enrolled in the Service Learning class (BIOL 4950) and selected to serve as Undergraduate Lab Assistants for Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 2221) access to work in the teaching labs effective as soon as possible. Phil supports this effort as essential in line with our research undergraduates type of scrutiny. These students will be helping teach the ug labs and recorded. Phil believes that this is something that might not need SOG approval – only an approval from you. Here is more information.

1. For the students themselves: the role they play in the laboratory will not be recognized with the same level of competency by the students they are instructing if they are not present from the onset of the semester. Further, the time allotted to them if we wait with reduce their exposure to various pedagogies, thereby affecting the value of the curriculum of the 4950 class experience. As such, their development as instructors will not allow the growth that is typical.
2. For the GTAs they are assisting: the online coordination of a course so heavily dependent on dissected specimens, histology and models requires that we have significant video components offered as part of each lab meeting. One instructor, whose hands are gloved but covered with preservative and specimen grease, cannot easily handle both the specimen and the camera. Having two people allows a much greater class dynamic. Further, since class capacities have been increased to accept the larger enrollment, sharing the teaching responsibilities between two instructors allows the students enrolled to be better served.
3. For the students enrolled in the class: having only one instructor in the room, dependent on technology to interact with each student, means many will be waiting while one is being served. Having two instructors allows for greater interaction. Additionally, the presence of a ULA has proven valuable since its inception because students see the ULA as someone closer to their age, and since the ULA has very recently completed the class themselves, they have a strong motivational impact.

The ULAs perform all the duties that the GTAs perform. They quite simply double the teaching corps. Like GTAs, they would be required to adhere to all University safety protocols. Beyond the obvious (negative COVID test result before being allowed in the building, face masks, sanitization before and after, etc.), they will maintain a safe distance from the GTA—the only

other person in the room.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:02 PM

To: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>

Subject: FW: Petition to allow undergrad TAs on campus to teach Human Anatomy and Physiology I

Please get this in front of Bob.

I support this as it is in line with our research undergraduates type of scrutiny.

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Thanks

Phil

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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 6:53 AM

To: Assoc Prov Fac Affairs <apfa@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>; John D. Griffin <docg@clemson.edu>

Subject: Petition to allow undergrad TAs on campus to teach Human Anatomy and Physiology I

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Please find attached a petition by John Cummings, a Senior Lecturer in Biological Sciences, to allow UTAs to help out in the teaching lab for Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2220/1). This 4

credit course with an embedded lab has an enrollment of 588 this semester, and there are 24 sections of lab. We increased the capacity of the course in July when we knew the course would be completely online. Professor Cummings taught this course online asynchronously in Summer I. He, a GTA, and a lab prep staff member filmed all of the labs, and the students really enjoyed it. Although it was a good class (and lab), he wants to make it much more engaging this semester by having each GTA/GTA-equivalent teaching the labs synchronously from the teaching lab. He is requesting that UTAs, who want to come to campus, help for the reasons outlined in the attachment.

By the way, the GTA equivalents are Clemson BA/BS graduates, who served as UTAs last year. We have 3 of them this semester, and they will each teach 5 sections of lab. We have 3 GTAs, who will each teach 3 sections.

So far, I have not received any other requests from our faculty lab coordinators to have UTAs. If I receive any more, I will submit them for consideration.

Best,
Saara

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: Academic Exemptions Table
Date: August 31, 2020 8:01:19 PM

Good evening,

I am adding this table to the end of the weekly report.

1. Academic Exemptions

Note: All undergraduates had to be independent of transportation, housing and dining needs, with the exception of ClemsonLIFE.

Date Approved	Program Description	# Students (Grad/Undergrad)	Requestor
Decision pending SOG review 09/01	BioSc Undergraduates-Teaching labs: request to allow undergrad TAs on campus to teach Human Anatomy and Physiology I	21 undergrads	Saara DeWalt
08/31	UPIC Intern for Clemson Online	1 undergrad	Anne Marie Rogers
08/30	COVID activities and student involvement request #2: to expand opportunities for undergraduate students, as informal student volunteer experiences, to assist with data validation and a help desk function for those having trouble with CU tools	Between 6-8 undergrads	Leslie Hossfeld Ron Gimbel Will Mayo
08/26	Governor's Award Event: Request for Representatives from the Governor's office along with about 10 CECAS faculty and staff to be involved in an outdoor ceremony to present Mark Blenner with the Governor's Award. The ceremony will be outside of Riggs Hall on 9/4 at 12:00 pm. The VPR will be in attendance.	10 CECAS faculty and staff – No studnets	Kelly Collins
08/25	Tiger Band Practice Protocol/ In-Person Mode of Delivery: Request for Tiger Band practice to begin immediately in-person -AND- Request for an exception for this class to take place all face-to-face.	350 (grad/undergrad?)	Mark Spede
08/24	Public Health Science COVID-19 Screening/Contact Tracing Involvement would begin at the beginning of the semester and not when students are scheduled to arrive in September.	9 undergrads (3 undergrads to participate in COVID-19 testing and 6 undergrads to participate in contact	Leslie Hossfeld Ron Gimbel Will Mayo

		tracing)	
08/04	ClemsonLIFE: Request for 1) all LIFE staff to return to campus immediately (before 09/21) to develop online coursed/assignments; 2) all LIFE students to arrive in dorms on 09/11 (one week early) to ensure students are properly trained on safety/hygiene procedures for operating in and around the campus/dorms/classrooms. Dates requested: September 11th for students. September 5th for Independent Living Assistants (ILAs along with RA's).	24 students & 4 staff members & 6 Independent Living Assistants (ILAs).	George Petersen Joe Ryan
08/19	School of Nursing Students: Clinicals – Senior Health Sciences students to continue their clinicals with Prisma Health	16 undergrads: 9 seniors and 7 juniors	Leslie Hossfeld
08/14	Nursing Teaching Modalities: Request for the School of Nursing to make changes to course modality (changing classes to online) so that both campuses have the same course offerings. The Greenville and main campus must provide the same offerings to maintain accreditation.	N/A. This does not require students to be on campus.	Leslie Hossfeld

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
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Subject: Accepted: ZOOM: GSG Senate Briefing re: University's COVID Decision-Making Process & Expert Information

From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Saara J DeWalt](#)
Cc: [Cynthia Y Young](#); [Phil Landreth](#); [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: APPROVED: Petition to allow undergrad TAs on campus to teach Human Anatomy and Physiology I
Date: September 1, 2020 1:14:00 PM
Attachments: [BioSci-Cummings-request-for-UTAs-2020-8-21.docx](#)
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Good afternoon Dr. DeWalt,

I support and approve this request. Effective upon receipt of a negative COVID test, these student are allowed on-campus to conduct the work described in the attached proposal. Students can register for testing at the NewSpring location by visiting the following link:
<https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php>.

Respectfully,

Bob

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Cc: [Phil Landreth](#); [Channon Chambers](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Nikki Steele Hood](#); [Debra Sparacino](#); [John D. Griffin](#); [Nicholas Vazsonyi](#); [Lisa Knox](#); [David Michael Kuskowski](#); [James M Burns - HIST](#)
Subject: APPROVED: Tiger Band Practice Protocol and Mode of Delivery this Fall
Date: August 25, 2020 10:48:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good evening Dr. Spede,

I wanted to let you know that, although the medical consultant is still reviewing your proposal for Tiger Band practice protocol, the Provost had decided to move forward with approving your plan to begin practice effective immediately. You mentioned that you currently have 350 kids raring to go; so the Provost has given the green light. However, if the medical consultant comes back with some suggested changes to your plan, we are asking that you modify practice to fit these recommendations. Also, the Provost has approved your request to have an exception granted for Band to be conducted face-to-face instead of in a virtual environment.

Can you please have your band students visit this link <https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php> to register for a COVID test at the NewSpring parking lot? The University would like to have students tested prior to arriving on campus who are being granted these early exemptions. Testing dates are currently available to students three days per week up until September 16. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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From: Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:19 PM
To: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Channon Chambers <fchambe@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: Tiger Band This Fall

Phil:

Here is our plan as developed by the study I commissioned (link below). The study in the lab shows that the end of the instrument essentially becomes the mouth, which we will cover with "masks." We will keep an interval of 5-6 feet while marching, and there will be NO indoor rehearsals except possibly for people who do not use their mouth to play or perform (drums, color guard, dancers, twirlers). The problem for them playing indoors is that I don't think I even have an indoor space at this point. But that's fine, we can be outside.

Tiger Band 2020 Covid-19 Procedures

- No lockers distributed for Tiger Band members.
 - Instruments need to be carried to and from rehearsal in cases.
 - Instruments MAY NOT be stored in vehicles.
 - Drum line/Sousaphones/Guard equipment will be placed in loading dock area prior to rehearsal by managers/section leaders.
- Entry into Brooks for restroom use only.
- Mask must be worn at all times.
 - For playing outdoors, mask may be lowered just before playing, replaced as soon as you are finished playing. There can be NO TALKING without a mask at any time.

-Visual units and drum line must have mask on at all times.

- All wind instruments will be issued a bell cover, which acts like a mask for your instrument; NO PLAYING without the bell cover.
- You must bring your own water to rehearsals and games; a backpack style water container with 2-liter capacity will be provided.
- Brass players must gently empty spit valves into personal disposable puppy pad or bucket with disinfectant; no forceful blowing through instrument. Open valve and let liquid drip out; gently blow if necessary.
- Uniform to start the season will be khaki shorts, tennis shoes, short socks, band tee (provided), ball cap (provided), and Tiger Band mask (provided), water backpack (provided).
- On game day we will meet at the stadium in staggered arrival times to maintain social distancing. Dismissed in reverse order after game.

Link study:

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>

I've got 350 kids raring to go!

-Mark

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From: Phil Landreth <ralph@clemson.edu>

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 8:54 PM

To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>, Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu>

Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>, Channon Chambers <fchambe@clemson.edu>

Subject: RE: Tiger Band This Fall

Dr. Spede,

To be clear, the expectation is that this proposed band practice would start the week of 9/13, move in week.

Guidelines for in person, on campus undergraduates call for face masks to be worn in buildings at all times and outside spaces, if social distancing can't be maintained.

In your case, the students will need their mouths available for playing instruments, so masks probably can't be worn.

I would suggest that you outline when masks will have to be worn, then removed once they are in formation. Your formations will need to be opened up considerably to ensure social distancing. In classrooms we used 6ft diameter circles to determine seating capacities.

I would suggest a similar approach, but since your band members will be moving and not wearing masks, a 12 foot diameter circle would be more acceptable, this equates to 113 sf/ bandmember since singing or playing an instrument does project saliva/mist. I have copied in Channon Chambers, CU Building official, who has helped us all through our protocols. Channon, please let us know if you have more insight.

Once we receive your plan outlining these safety practices, we will review and Provost Jones can take to SOG.

I wish you and the Tiger Band much safety and the very best for this season, your commitment and talents with our Band are valued so much. My niece Rachel Chandler, was a Tiger Band member some years back and always spoke so kindly of you.

Best regards,
Phil

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To: Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu>
Cc: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: Tiger Band This Fall

Mark,

First home game is possibly Sept 19. Maybe Oct 3. If the former, we would need a request to start practice the week of sept 14 and coordinate with move in (which is that week) plus have a plan for health and safety. I can review and take it to the rest of senior leadership for approval.

I'm copying Phil Landreth and Katie Vogl who can help you work out a plan.

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2020, at 5:20 PM, Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu> wrote:

Bob:

I have not heard from EOC. If there is a game on 9/19, I would like to switch from virtual to live that week.

-Mark

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From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 4:41 PM

To: Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu>

Cc: Nicholas Vazsonyi <vazsony@clemson.edu>, Becky Becker <becker1@clemson.edu>, Lee Maiden <lm Maiden@clemson.edu>, Timothy Hurlburt <thurlbu@exchange.clemson.edu>

Subject: Re: Tiger Band This Fall

Mark,

I am checking up on any final directives you may have received from the EOC on an approved approach for practice, and whether practice will resume starting September 21.

Thanks,

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2020, at 2:20 PM, Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu> wrote:

Yes, the one-pager recommendations have been vetted by the scientists and released to the public...

Sent from my iPad

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On Jul 20, 2020, at 2:19 PM, Nicholas Vazsonyi <vazsony@clemson.edu> wrote:

Dear Mark:

I will defer to the experts, but your proposal to rehearse the entire group outdoors sounds reasonable to me. I assume the band members would be spaced out accordingly to ensure that aerosol spread would be virtually eliminated? The covering for the flute was intriguing. Would you be recommending the production and use of such socks as demonstrated in your attachment?

Best,
Nicholas

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From: Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Becky K Becker <becker1@clemson.edu>; Nicholas Vazsonyi <vazsony@clemson.edu>; Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Lee Maiden <lmaiden@clemson.edu>; Timothy Hurlburt <thurlbu@exchange.clemson.edu>
Subject: Tiger Band This Fall

All:

As you know I am deeply involved with a scientific study on aerosols produced in wind instruments, singers, and actors. Our preliminary recommendations are on this one-pager:

<https://www.nfhs.org/media/4029965/preliminary-recommendations-from-international-performing-arts-aerosol-study.pdf>

We have developed a strategy using all of these mitigations, including outdoor rehearsals only, for Tiger Band this fall. I believe our plan will greatly reduce the risk of infection while the students are involved with band rehearsals and performances. What happens outside of band to these students is obviously beyond my control.

In light of the recent instruction that M-W-F classes (which is the case for Tiger Band) must be reduced to 1/3 of the class each day, we would not be able to function as a traditional marching band. What are your thoughts on allowing us to have the entire group in outdoor settings only?

Here are some of the mitigations:

- Mask wearing at all times, including while playing instruments

- Bell covers for all instruments
- Social distancing 6 feet (CDC recommendation)
- Disinfection protocols
- Majority of instruments not stored in the Brooks Center, and only a few students allowed in the building before and after rehearsal

I want to reiterate that no superspreading events worldwide identified so far occurred outdoors. The analogy is a drop of poison in an 8oz glass of water (indoors) vs. a pool (outdoors). Here is a link to a database of superspreading events worldwide:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c9jwMyT1lw2P0d6SDTno6nHLGMtpheO9xJyGHgdBoco/edit>

You will see that only one case (involving only 2 infections) is attributable to outdoor transmission, and it was runners with no masks (heavy breathing). There was another case out of China with 2 infections from two people having a long conversation unmasked for a prolonged period.

I believe we need science to drive our decision-making, not fear or denial, which are the polarizations I am seeing in society right now on BOTH sides of the political spectrum. Of course I do not want the virus myself, but I also believe with proper precautions and mitigations there is little chance I will contract it. The same goes for all of us. Thanks for your consideration.

-Mark

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From: [Libby Kehn](#) on behalf of [Lance Christopher Miller](#)
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Subject: Assistance Requested: Clearinghouse for Student Engagement
Date: September 2, 2020 3:45:42 PM

Colleagues,

Several weeks ago, a collaborative group from across campus worked to create and compile a wide range of opportunities to encourage our incoming students to connect with our campus, programs and services before they arrived on campus for in-person instruction. Many of you heard me refer to this as our, “full court press,” which has proven to be well-received. We are capitalizing on the success of this initiative and using the tools this group developed to coordinate, plan and promote engagement opportunities for students as we welcome them back to campus in an effort to provide and promote a robust campus experience even with the limitations COVID-19 has presented.

I am asking that you share this message widely. We are requesting campus-wide participation in creating a collaborative clearinghouse for student engagement opportunities by adding each activity, event, workshop, etc. being hosted by any college or department. We will take the information from this document and format it into user-friendly communication pieces to inform students about upcoming opportunities and to let them know how to participate.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Google Doc is public so that each individual is able to make entries which include the following details:

Name of Opportunity
Date
Host/Sponsor
Brief Description
Virtual or In-Person Event
Registration/RSVP Required
Associated Link
Maximum Capacity (where applicable)
Location
Primary Contact

We feel strongly that coming together for this united goal will bring to light the variety of opportunities that are available for our students, provide a coordinated way to intentionally push these opportunities to students, and ensure that our new students are easily aware of the offerings that are available to them daily, even during the challenges of COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mandy Hays, Assistant Vice President for Campus Life at:
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In advance, thank you for your assistance!

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FYI I thought you might want to get a sense of what instructors are seeing, sensing, doing. Information on a variety of topics like these is coming to them daily. They truly have a heavy lift.

Bob

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Sprint to Fall: A Guide for Instructors to Launch Fall 2020 Teaching

This blog has been set up to provide answers to frequently asked questions and provide critical information.

To keep instructors informed of timely developments and to answer some frequently asked questions, our team in Academic Affairs is providing periodic updates through this list. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to us at academicaffairs@clemson.edu.

Reminders

- Instructors, please connect with your students in each of your classes as soon as you can to give them an idea of what to expect this fall as we begin classes this week. They are eager to engage with each of you and maybe a little nervous about expectations going into this unique fall.
- Instructors, you will need to bring your own markers and erasers for your classrooms.

Accommodations Including Fully Online

- To view all approved academic accommodations for students in your courses, as well as those who have been approved to be fully online for the semester, please use the instructions below to access the AIM system and view these reports.

Accessing Student Information in AIM:

- Login to SAS online system (AIM) at <http://rainier.accessiblelearning.com/Clemson/Instructor> using your Clemson username and password. You will first see the Instructor Authentication Page. Click "Continue to View Student Accommodations." This will take you to your instructor dashboard.
- On the main page of your dashboard, you will see a list of the students who have requested accommodations, as well as an indication of whether they have opted into

the COVID-19 related fully online modification. Students accessing this modification will have a “Yes” displayed under the column labeled “CO19.”

- Faculty Notification Letters will be distributed via email and can also be viewed through your instructor dashboard. To view a student’s Faculty Notification Letter, click ‘View’ which is located in the first column of the list.
- Student information (name, CUID, email, etc.) can be exported to an Excel file by clicking “Export Student Lists.”

Faculty Orientation

- Reminder: All faculty are warmly invited to Faculty Orientation (Tuesday, August 18th, 11am – 4pm) followed by the General Faculty Meeting 4-5pm
- Registration information is located in the Clemson Events calendar: <https://calendar.clemson.edu/>

Faculty orientation schedule:

11:00 – 11:15 AM	Welcome, Overview of resources
11:15 – 12:00 Noon	Health, Wellness and Professional Development Resources Clemson Traditions (lunch on your own)
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Welcome! from President Clements
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Research Resources, Overview and Q&A
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Brief Break or Clock Catch-up
1:45 – 2:15 PM	Libraries and CCIT Research Resources
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence: Resources and Events
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Brief Break or Clock Catch-up
2:45 – 3:15 PM	OTEI Support, Opportunities and Resources for Teaching and Engagement
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Digital Measures and Activities, ‘what next?’
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Welcome! from Provost Bob Jones

More to come!

If you know of anyone who is not receiving these messages, please reach out to academicaffairs@clemson.edu.

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B-Note

A Note From Brian For Volunteer Leadership

August 27, 2020



B – Part of the solution!

Clemson University face mask campaign: Be part of the solution

Greetings, fellow Tigers!

Our students are into their second week of classes, and while this semester looks different from anything we've ever seen in higher education, I know our students, faculty and staff will rise to the occasion.

The University has taken several steps to mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic – from the hiring freeze we instituted in the spring, to stopping non-essential travel, to curtailing operating expenses across every division at the University. Unfortunately, the financial strain that the COVID-19 pandemic has put on our University is still significant. Clemson University has made the difficult decision to begin a mandatory furlough program in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Human Resources. The furlough period begins Sept. 1 and continues through the end of the calendar year. A guiding principle in the University's discussions around these actions has been to minimize the financial impact to our lower-paid employees. Therefore, employees earning less than \$50,000, which comprise approximately half of Clemson's 6,500 full-time employees statewide, will not be affected by these actions. You can read more [here](#).

While educational institutions race to implement online learning solutions, Clemson University's MBA Program remains ahead of the curve proving that a virtual learning experience does not mean a loss of personal connection. Professors are developing creative ways to not only engage students in online classes but also bring them together in outside discussions through virtual means. Some of these events have included Innovative Leadership Speaker Series seminars, [podcasts](#), international negotiations workshops and Employer Spotlights, all connecting students

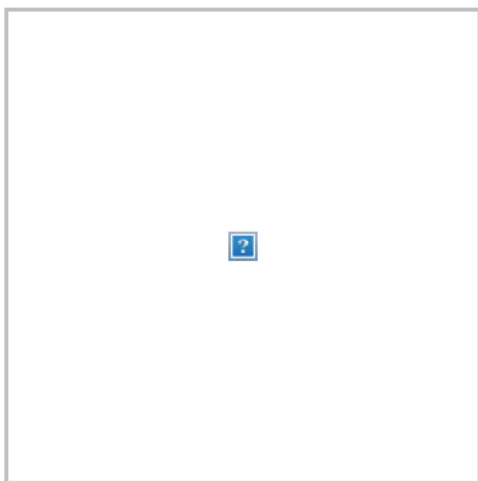
across the globe. You can read more about how the Clemson MBA Program is embracing virtual learning experiences [here](#).

It is not only an unusual and uncertain time for higher education but also for PreK-12 education. The Clemson University Alumni Association is saluting our alumni who work in this field – teachers, principals, school and district administrators, counselors, coaches and support staff. The [Alumni Association's Facebook page](#) will feature these everyday heroes, and I invite you to celebrate these individuals with us.

B – Part of the solution!

Wear your mask and social distance – and be part of the solution! As our University continues to work toward welcoming students back next month, this is more important than ever.

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times!



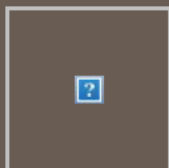
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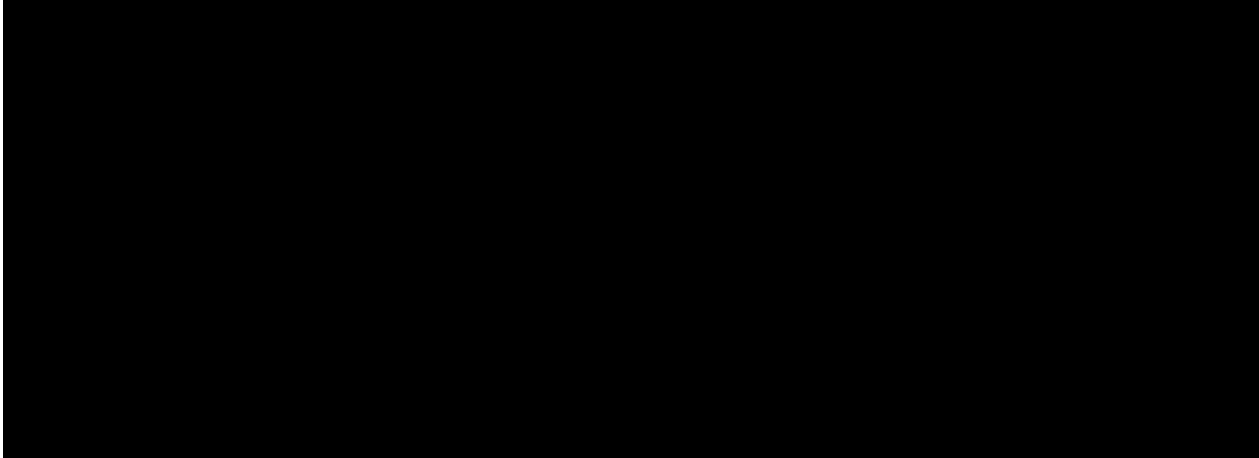
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The following list of students are enrolled in my Service Learning class (BIOL 4950) and will serve as Undergraduate Lab Assistants for Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 2221):



I am petitioning to have them cleared to work in the teaching laboratory now. There are several reasons why I do so.

1. For the students themselves: the role they play in the laboratory will not be recognized with the same level of competency by the students they are instructing if they are not present from the onset of the semester. Further, the time allotted to them if we wait will reduce their exposure to various pedagogies, thereby affecting the value of the curriculum of the 4950 class experience. As such, their development as instructors will not allow the growth that is typical.
2. For the GTAs they are assisting: the online coordination of a course so heavily dependent on dissected specimens, histology and models requires that we have significant video components offered as part of each lab meeting. One instructor, whose hands are gloved but covered with preservative and specimen grease, cannot easily handle both the specimen and the camera. Having two people allows a much greater class dynamic. Further, since class capacities have been increased to accept the larger enrollment, sharing the teaching responsibilities between two instructors allows the students enrolled to be better served.
3. For the students enrolled in the class: having only one instructor in the room, dependent on technology to interact with each student, means many will be waiting while one is being served. Having two instructors allows for greater interaction. Additionally, the presence of a ULA has proven valuable since its inception because students see the ULA as someone closer to their age, and since the ULA has very recently completed the class themselves, they have a strong motivational impact.

The ULAs perform all the duties that the GTAs perform. They quite simply double the teaching corps. Like GTAs, they would be required to adhere to all University safety protocols. Beyond the obvious (negative COVID test result before being allowed in the building, face masks, sanitization before and after, etc.), they will maintain a safe distance from the GTA—the only other person in the room.

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Dear Clemson Instructors,

We are very grateful for your dedication and the efforts you have made to maintain the high standard of learning that is a central component of the Clemson experience. We also recognize the challenges and high levels of stress and uncertainty that the COVID-19 environment has created.

Following today's message from the President regarding Clemson's plan to return to in-person instruction beginning September 21, the deans and provost met to discuss how we can meet the

challenge of opening our classrooms while remaining focused on the safety of our faculty, staff and students.

In light of the high infection rates across college campuses in the United States, the deans and provost want to assure all Clemson instructors – faculty, staff, and graduate assistants - who are teaching in courses categorized as blended, that they can and should use their best judgement to decide on the level and timing of in-person teaching for their courses for the rest of the semester.

Please inform your department chair regarding how you will deliver your courses as we move forward, and actively communicate with your students.

More detailed information from the deans and provost will be shared in multiple venues throughout next week and moving forward.

The way that you have met the challenge of the global pandemic is truly inspirational and has become a source of pride for the people of South Carolina and beyond.

Thank you.

Robert H. Jones
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CLEMSON NEWS | UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

August 17, 2020



This is an internal email for leadership at Clemson. It is designed to share news about the University, South Carolina and higher education.

Clemson's fall COVID-19 testing, quarantine capacity remains unclear

Greenville News

Less than a week before classes begin – and as thousands of off-campus students return to their apartments – Clemson University said it has communicated much of its COVID-19 response plan, but questions remain over testing plans and what the fall semester will be like for freshmen.

Oboe, oh no: Clemson director sparks study showing bands how to play on in a pandemic

Post and Courier

When every college and public school in the state shut down in the spring due to the spread of coronavirus, Spede, Clemson University's head band director, said he knew music programs could be in trouble.

Learn ways to get rid of rodents in Clemson online training

Sumter Item

Rats! But if you have them, there's more than one way to dispatch the disease-ridden wretches.

South Carolina pesticide applicators will increase their arsenal against rats and other rodents in an online training offered by the Clemson University Extension Service and Department of Pesticide Regulation on Aug. 20.

Close to 600 mystery seed mailings from China reported in SC

Post and Courier

Dr. Steve Cole, director of Clemson University's regulatory services unit, said university officials were collecting samples reported in the state but has since been directed to send them to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Protection and Quarantine division.

ATHLETICS

Clemson holds first scrimmage. Who stepped up, who's in COVID-19 protocol

The State

Clemson held its first scrimmage of preseason camp on Saturday, but several familiar faces were unable to take part in the workout.

Trump says Clemson quarterback told him 'We want to play'

The Hill

President Trump said Saturday that Clemson University quarterback Trevor Lawrence told him that players do not want to see the football season cancelled or postponed, after two major athletic conferences have done so already amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The Citadel plans to play 4-game schedule. Clemson expected to be one opponent

The State

Clemson and The Citadel were originally scheduled to play Nov. 14, before Clemson's revised 2020 schedule was released last week. The Tigers are now expected to host the Bulldogs Sept. 19.

Clemson football loses to Alabama in recruiting battle for four-star defensive end

Go Upstate

Clemson football lost out on a four-star defensive lineman recruit Saturday when Monkell Goodwine chose Alabama over the Tigers.

AROUND S.C.

USC President Caslen wins positive first-year review but no raise with COVID-19 crunch

Post and Courier

As the University of South Carolina tries to tunnel out from under more than \$165 million in financial loss due to the coronavirus outbreak, President Bob Caslen earned praise but no raise from the school's board.

COVID-19 Updates: What to know Monday

Greenville News

Across the Upstate, weekly case averages have been falling since mid-July. Greenville County's 7-day average last week was about 45 new cases a day. A month ago, Greenville's average was 136 new cases a day, according to an analysis of DHEC data.

SC Senate policy stakes: Graham, Harrison agree on climate change, differ on approach

Post and Courier

Few states are as vulnerable to the threat of climate change as South Carolina, and both of the major candidates running to represent it in the U.S. Senate say they want to confront it and conserve the Palmetto State's environment, but with differing approaches.

HIGHER ED.

Universities Abandon Reason for a False Idea of 'Empowerment'

Wall Street Journal

The California State University system recently announced that all undergraduate students will be required to take a course in ethnic studies or social justice. The goal,

according to Chancellor Timothy White, is to “empower” students “to meet this moment in our nation’s history, giving them the knowledge, broad perspectives and skills needed to solve society’s most pressing problems.”

Illinois universities losing millions as students stay home

Chicago Sun Times

Illinois colleges and universities are facing multimillion-dollar deficits as they prepare to reopen this fall while the coronavirus pandemic continues to take a huge toll.

As Colleges Move Classes Online, Families Rebel Against the Cost

New York Times

Schools face rising demands for tuition rebates, increased aid and leaves of absence as students ask if college is becoming “glorified Skype.”

The Fallacy of Meritocracy on America’s College Campuses

Washington Monthly

A new book shows how our higher ed system favors the rich. Will COVID-19 make the problem even worse?



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CLEMSON NEWS | UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

August 18, 2020



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Clemson historians searched for unmarked graves. They found dozens for enslaved people owned by a U.S. vice president.

Washington Post

When a group of Clemson University students went looking earlier this year for a campus site where dozens of enslaved people were buried, they found an unmarked and unkempt plot of land. A fence meant to protect the gravesite had fallen down in places. Distraught, the students alerted a professor. Six months later, Clemson now says it has found more than 200 unmarked graves there.

Covered by multiple outlets, including: *Associated Press, U.S. News & World Report, FOX Carolina, WYFF, Post and Courier* and *Greenville News*

Trump retweets Russian propaganda about Biden that US intel agencies say is intended to influence 2020 election

CNN

"I think this mostly just speaks to how widespread Russian talking points have become," said Darren Linvill, a professor at Clemson University who tracks Russian disinformation, who added that the account appears to be based in the US yet is spreading Kremlin-backed conspiracies.

SC agency denies request to temporarily ban poison on Kiawah Island linked to bobcat deaths

Post and Courier

The state Department of Pesticide Regulation recently denied a request from the town for a temporary one-year ban on the use of the chemical on the island. The department at Clemson University regulates the distribution, sale and use of pesticides in the state.

ATHLETICS

Clemson University allowing season ticket holders to 'opt out' for 2020 football season

WYFF

Season ticket holders can 'red shirt' 2020 football season.

Clemson's Dabo Swinney supports a college football players

association, with 1 key caveat

Post and Courier

In the middle of 48 of the most tumultuous hours in college football history, during which a group of players from across the country channeled a collective voice to push back against the possible cancellation of the fall season, Dabo Swinney offered a helping hand.

Kendrick: If You Aren't Taking Safety Serious 'Season Isn't Going To Happen'

Sports Illustrated

The Clemson football team is trying to prepare for the upcoming season as best they can and with as few distractions as possible. With students now starting to return to campus, cornerback **Derion Kendrick** says he and his teammates are doing their best to tune out the outside noise and focus on controlling what they can control.

Etienne: Nothing Changes For Tigers

Sports Illustrated

Despite the loss of four starting offensive linemen Travis Etienne is confident Clemson will continue to play at a high level.

AROUND S.C.

South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (August 17, 2020)

WYFF

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced Monday 451 new confirmed cases and 8 new probable cases of coronavirus and 20 additional confirmed deaths.

Virus recovery rate increases to 90% in South Carolina

WLTX

The latest data from DHEC shows 90 percent of people with COVID-19 in South Carolina have recovered.

COVID-19 Cases Dropped 15 Percent in South Carolina Areas with Mask Mandates, Increased Without Them

People

South Carolina counties without a mask mandate saw COVID-19 cases increase by up to 30.4 percent

Columbia Council to consider curfew, efforts to curb house parties as USC students return

Post and Courier

As University of South Carolina students return to campus, Columbia City Council is set to discuss various measures it could take to help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, including putting in a curfew and breaking up house parties.

HIGHER ED.

Live Updates: Latest News on Coronavirus and Higher Education *Inside Higher Ed*

Nearly 10 percent of the first roughly 500 students and employees tested for COVID-19 at Bethel College, in Kansas, have the virus, the local health agency and Bethel's president announced Monday.

COVID-19 will hit colleges when students arrive for fall semester. So why open at all? Money is a factor. *USA Today*

Colleges that are reopening campuses this fall know they're bringing a higher risk of coronavirus to their community. The questions aren't really about if or when, but about how bad outbreaks could be – and whether having an in-person experience for students is worth the cost. With so much at stake, some students, parents and faculty are asking: Why take the risk at all? In many cases, it comes back to money.

UNC-Chapel Hill goes to remote learning after 135 COVID-19 cases within week of starting classes *NBC News*

Many students have criticized the university's preventive measures, saying they failed to protect students, staff and the surrounding community.



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Clemson not changing reopening plans in wake of UNC's decision to go remote

Greenville News

It took just one week for The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to move classes online after reopening the semester with in-person instruction. Monday, the ACC school became the first major college to go from in-person back to virtual instruction after a COVID-19 outbreak in some residence halls. Undergraduate courses will go remote Wednesday — the first day of Clemson's online courses — and UNC said it will reduce density in its dorms.

Sorghum: Researchers Aim to Develop Fall Armyworm Resistant Varieties

Ag Fax

Rick Boyles, a Clemson University cereal grains breeder and geneticist housed at the Clemson Pee Dee Research and Education Center (REC), is part of a team studying sorghum's resistance to fall armyworm.

What if a powerful hurricane hits during the pandemic? Here's how to prevent a double disaster

Live Science

With the peak of **hurricane season** fast approaching, possible evacuations must be planned to help people dodge the storms *and* avoid causing uncontrolled outbreaks of COVID-19. "That makes sense intuitively because you're moving people around more," said Pamela Murray-Tuite, a professor of civil engineering at Clemson University in South Carolina, who was not involved in the study.

Wastewater testing provides early warning of community COVID levels, researcher says

Your Pickens County

David Freedman of Clemson University is testing coronavirus levels in wastewater on the University's main campus and in the surrounding community to provide an early warning system that shows how fast the virus is spreading.

Clemson offers new Agricultural Education teaching certificate

Manning Live

Agricultural Education teachers are in high demand and Clemson

University adds a new post baccalaureate certificate program that can help fill this need.

ATHLETICS

Clemson legend CJ Spiller joins Tigers coaching staff

The State

The two Clemson running backs who are widely regarded as the best in school history will now be in the same running backs room. **C.J. Spiller** is joining the Tigers coaching staff as an unpaid grad intern, **Clemson coach Dabo Swinney** announced Tuesday evening.

He's one of Clemson's best defenders. But maybe, just maybe, he can help at WR too

The State

Clemson is often referred to as "Wide Receiver U" as the Tigers are among the best in the nation at attracting high-profile wideouts and developing them into some of the top playmakers in college football.

As South Carolina awaits word from four-star DE, Clemson pursues four-star Texas safety

Greenville News

Four-star defensive end Kelvin Gilliam (6-foot-3, 250) of Highland Springs, Virginia, will announce his college decision at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Highly touted safety Andrew Mukuba (5-11, 181) of Austin, Texas, has a top three of Clemson, LSU and Texas and is looking at Sept. 7 for his commitment announcement.

AROUND S.C.

691 new SC COVID cases, 47 more deaths

WLTX

This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 106,574, confirmed deaths to 2,230, and 113 probable deaths.

South Carolina home to nation's third-highest COVID-19 infection rate in children

Greenville News

South Carolina has the nation's third-highest rate of COVID-19 infections in children, trailing only Arizona and Tennessee, according to a medical **report issued this week**.

USC introduces rapid coronavirus saliva testing for students, faculty and staff

The State

The University of South Carolina will begin using a new type of coronavirus testing on campus starting Wednesday. Unlike the traditional tests — which take several days to get results — the saliva

tests can get results back within 24 hours, USC said in a news release. Adding saliva testing, “makes it possible for the university to test thousands of students and employees daily for COVID-19,” the statement said.

South Carolina Senate will convene early to consider COVID-19 response for election

Washington Examiner

With November's election fewer than 90 days away, South Carolina Senate President Harvey Peeler announced Monday he will call the Senate back to Columbia on Sept. 2 to consider COVID-19 election responses.

Dominion Energy South Carolina files to increase retail electric rates by 7.75 percent

Daily Energy Insider

Reckoning with base rates that have not been adjusted since 2012, Dominion Energy South Carolina filed an application last week to increase its retail electric rates by 7.75 percent. The change, it stated, is necessary to keep up with current energy needs, continued investments into assets and operating resources, as well as safety and reliability maintenance efforts.

HIGHER ED.

Colleges Grapple With Coronavirus as Students Return

NY Times

Notre Dame and Michigan State universities became the latest colleges to move classes online because of the coronavirus on Tuesday as colleges struggle to contain outbreaks and students continue to congregate in large groups without masks or social distancing.



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Clemson University President speaks at Re-open South Carolina Select Committee hearing

WSPA

Clemson University President Dr. James Clements spoke at a Re-Open South Carolina Select Committee hearing Wednesday afternoon. The committee hearing began at 1 p.m.

COVID exposure notification app headed to Clemson campus

ABC News 4

"We would like to deploy this across the entire Clemson University as quickly as we can at this point in time, because timing is everything," said MUSC Dr. David Cole. With just a flip of a switch, a new app can notify others of a COVID exposure. It's getting the go ahead right now: A pilot study to track COVID cases voluntarily at Clemson University.

Covered by: *Post and Courier*

Equatorial Winds Ripple Down to Antarctica, Revealing New Connections in Global Circulation

SciTech Daily

"Atmospheric scientists can use this information to improve their models —before this nobody really knew how QBO impacts gravity waves in this polar region," said Xian Lu, researcher at Clemson University and a coauthor on the study. "Researchers can use this information to better model and predict climate, including the variability of atmosphere and space and long-term change."

Marching bands derailed from competition eye another audience: Football fans

Post and Courier

The **CDC has linked choral rehearsals to high rates of infection**, but the aerosols study — kicked off last spring under the leadership of Clemson University Band Director Mark Spede — found vapors emanating from singers, actors and instrumentalists can be reduced with shorter rehearsal times, frequent airing out of rehearsal spaces, masks on performers, and bell covers on instruments.

ATHLETICS

2022 Four-Star Defensive Tackle Caden Curry Picks Up Clemson Offer

Sports Illustrated

Four-star prospect Caden Curry has picked up an [offer from Clemson](#). The 6-foot-5, 250-pound defensive tackle from Greenwood, Indiana, announced the offer via Twitter.

Clemson locks in nonconference opponent for 2020. Schedule now complete

The State

Clemson's 2020 football schedule is now complete. The Tigers will face The Citadel in their home opener on Sept. 19, it was announced Wednesday afternoon. Clemson's schedule previously had a nonconference opponent to be determined for that date.

College Football May Not Happen at All This Year. And Maybe We Don't Deserve It

TIME

It was never going to be easy to get to kickoff, but America's attempt to have a college football season, in the midst of a global pandemic, is looking more and more like a hopeless Hail Mary. Like so much else in America's COVID-19 moment, the effort to get players on the field is messy, is divisive and reflects poorly on leaders at the top.

Georgia announces limited capacity plans for football season

WYFF

The University of Georgia announced plans for limited capacity at Sanford Stadium this fall in according with their football ticket plan. Crowds will be limited to 20-25% capacity, with tickets available in blocks of four to maximize inventory and maintain social distancing measures, according to an email sent to season ticket holders. Plans for student ticket were not made available.

AROUND S.C.

DHEC releases new coronavirus deaths, cases for Wednesday, Aug. 19

WYFF

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced Wednesday 704 new confirmed cases and 26 new probable cases of COVID-19, 17 additional confirmed deaths and one new probable death.

USC hopes to curb coronavirus with new cameras, promotional campaign as students return

Post and Courier

With a campus that tentacles out into the Capital City, South Carolina's largest university is focused on keeping student coronavirus cases on campus. "Our cases will spike," University of South Carolina President

Bob Caslen said Wednesday, the day before fall in-person and online classes begin.

Caslen expects jump in cases after classes start, but is confident in USC's plan

Island Packet

A day before the University of South Carolina resumes in-person classes, top officials expressed confidence that most students will follow safety rules, but warned case numbers are still sure to increase.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School changes name to become more inclusive

SC Now

The Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School board voted unanimously last month to change the School's name to Trinity Collegiate School.

HIGHER ED.

Google Has a Plan to Disrupt the College Degree

Inc.

Google's new certificate program takes only six months to complete, and will be a fraction of the cost of college.

American universities, including Harvard and Princeton, weigh options to protect students from political prosecution under China's new national security law

Business Insider

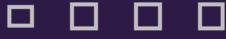
Universities like Princeton and Harvard are grappling with another obstacle as classes go back in session: China's new national security law that could prosecute individuals for dissenting political opinions even if they're not in China, [The Wall Street Journal](#) reported.

Trump pushes for universities to reopen even as coronavirus cases spike on campuses

The Hill

[President Trump](#) on Wednesday pushed for universities to reopen for classes in the fall amid coronavirus outbreaks on campuses that have reopened — and in some cases closed — this month.





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August 21, 2020



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Clemson Wildlife Ecology Professor Giving Credit to Creativity in Science

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

"Oh things ain't what they used to be, no no Where did all the blue skies go? Poison is the wind that blows..." That's how America's "Prince of Motown," Marvin Gaye, begins his 1968 song "Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)." It's also how Dr. J. Drew Lanham, Alumni Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Clemson University, likes to begin his wildlife policy class. "By playing that for students," he says, "I hope they get some form of understanding that art can inform life and art can inform science."

With a mix of covert disinformation and blatant propaganda, foreign adversaries bear down on final phase of presidential campaign

Washington Post

When the nation's top intelligence officials last **spoke publicly** together, in January of last year, they said that foreign adversaries were eyeing the 2020 elections as an opportunity to launch "online influence operations" that seek to undermine public confidence in democratic institutions and influence public opinion in the United States. "It isn't fair to treat China, Russia and Iran as functionally similar," said Darren Linvill, a professor at Clemson University who studies social media and propaganda.

Clemson researcher studying sorghum's resistance to fall armyworm

Morning Ag Clips

Researchers hope to unlock mystery of sorghum's natural defenses against fall armyworm

ATHLETICS

Clemson Football: Crowd capacity reportedly set for 2020 season *Fansided*

Ever since we found out that the plan for 2020 was for Clemson football

to still play a season, the follow-up question has been basically whispered in unison: How many fans will be allowed in **Death Valley**? This week, The Clemson Insider **released a report** with the first significant details in Clemson's plan for fans this season.

What motivated Clemson star Travis Etienne to play 2020 season as others sit out

The State

Travis Etienne could have joined some of the other **top players in college football who have opted out of the 2020 season** and started preparing for the NFL draft.

AROUND S.C.

COVID-19 updates in SC: More than 800 new cases reported, additional 42 deaths

Greenville News

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reported 896 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 Thursday and 42 additional confirmed deaths. The total number of confirmed cases has now reached 108,146. The death toll is 2,289.

SC Gov. McMaster tells cabinet leaders not to seek more money, COVID-19 cuts possible

The State

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster directed his cabinet members Thursday to wait on making any additional budget requests and start drafting contingency plans in case of possible budget cuts next year because of the ongoing financial toll of COVID-19.

South Carolina approved for 20,000 fans at home games

ESPN

South Carolina has been approved by the state to permit 20,000 fans at football games this fall, about a quarter of capacity at Williams-Brice Stadium.

South Carolina approves \$26.1 million for broadband infrastructure expansion

ABC News 4

South Carolinians should have an easier time connecting to high speed broadband after an approval of \$26.1 million towards the effort.

HIGHER ED.

NC State to move undergraduate classes online after new COVID-19 cases, clusters reported

News & Observer

N.C. State will move undergraduate classes to online-only for the

remainder of the fall semester after seeing a spike in coronavirus cases and a rapid increase in the number of students in quarantine and isolation, the university announced Thursday.

UNC System President Peter Hans Blames Students for Situation He Could Have Stopped

Indy Week

Peter Hans has finally **broken his silence** after UNC-Chapel Hill announced remote-only instruction for the rest of the semester on **Monday**, and NC State University decided to follow suit **Thursday afternoon**.



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Clemson University releases updated COVID-19 results

Clemson Insider

Clemson University posted **a live COVID-19 tracker** Friday based on what it knows from surveillance testing, the self-reporting system and from reports provided by the Sullivan Health Center, the Redfern Health Center and the Athletics Department.

No internet, lost paychecks: How the pandemic is widening the equity gap for Clemson students

Greenville News

Clemson University is a safe harbor for many students – reliable WiFi, in-person instruction, a stable living situation. For students like senior Maghen LeBlanc, the pandemic took that away.

Researcher's app helps forensic teams determine time of death

Times and Democrat

Smartphone apps usually define success by the amount of people actively using them, but a new app created by a Clemson researcher must also gauge its success on dead bodies. Katherine Weisensee, the chair of Clemson's sociology, anthropology and criminal justice department whose research has informed the app's development, said a few million photos of roadkill won't hurt either.

Clemson fall field days will be online

SC Now

Clemson University Research and Education Centers (RECs) will hold their first Virtual Fall Field Days this year to inform the public of important research while protecting people from COVID-19.

'Very scary': Battle over North Inlet ownership leaves future of public access in limbo

Myrtle Beach Online

Since the late 1960s, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University and Francis Marion University have used the property and the saltwater marshes and waterways of the inlet for research and educational purposes. Now, Hobcaw Barony hosts researchers from more than 50 colleges, universities and research organizations from the United States, Europe and China.

ATHLETICS

No Clemson football players test positive for COVID-19 in latest round of screening

MSN

Clemson Athletics conducted its most recent round of COVID-19 screening of student-athletes and staff on Monday and Tuesday with no positive results among fall sport athletes, including football.

Sapakoff: A fair plan for Clemson, South Carolina football attendance

Post and Courier

And in our latest episode of a College Football Noir series that has become the 2020 norm... We find university accountants lurking about in dark stadium tunnels trying to turn black and white scenes into the color of ticket sales money.

In His Own Words: Clemson Doesn't Worry About Other Programs

Sports Illustrated

In this episode of "In His Own Words," Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney recalls why after five trips to the College Football Playoff and two national championships, he is not concerned with what other programs are doing—his focus is on his Tigers.

Clemson vs Notre Dame strong contender to host ESPN's College GameDay

Sports Illustrated

Clemson vs Notre Dame strong contender to host ESPN's College GameDay.

McFadden: 'We don't rebuild, we reload'

Sports Illustrated

Clemson offensive tackle **Jordan McFadden** told the media on Friday he feels good about the chemistry of the offensive line so far—despite four few faces beginning starting roles this fall.

Travis Etienne's summer with younger brother rekindles his love for football

Post and Courier

In between sets in a stuffy makeshift gym 800 miles from Clemson, Travis Etienne looked at his 16-year-old brother and remembered why he fell in love with football.

Clemson Baseball Picks Up 2022 Commitment

Sports Illustrated

Monte Lee and the Clemson Tigers picked up a commitment from 2022 LHP Mavis Graves on Sunday. The 6-foot-3, 175 pound southpaw out of Eastside High in Greer, South Carolina announced the pledge via Instagram.

AROUND S.C.

More than 600 new cases of COVID-19 brings South Carolina's total to over 110,000

Charlotte Observer

Sunday was the eighth consecutive day that the number of new cases of COVID-19 reported in South Carolina was less than 1,000.

South Carolina budget writers prepare for plan with many unknowns

ABC News 4

After a nearly two-month long delay because of COVID-19, South Carolina lawmakers are preparing to write a budget without a lot of certainty on how much they can spend.

This SC city went from COVID hot spot to leading on face masks. It's paying off.

The State

Greenville Mayor Knox White was initially skeptical about the benefit of face masks to slow the spread of COVID-19. Lots of people agreed with him.

HIGHER ED.

The Corner That State Universities Have Backed Themselves Into

The Atlantic

For schools to do the right thing would be financial suicide.

Back to school in pandemic's shadow: How two universities are bringing students to campus

Washington Post

Except for all the masks, the recent move-in days at two universities in the Washington region looked at least somewhat like the back-to-school rituals of any other year. Moms and dads and siblings hauled boxes of gear into student dormitories. Beds were made, walls decorated.

As COVID-19 surges on campuses, in-person learning becomes less of a reality

The Hill

Colleges and universities are already shifting from in-person instruction to online classes after hundreds of students on campuses across the country tested positive for COVID-19, throwing cold water on hopes for the fall semester.

Universities issue stern warning to 'selfish' students partying on campus as they return for classes: 'There is no place for you here'

AOL

Penn State, Syracuse and Purdue are three of the latest universities to punish students who are violating the social distancing guidelines that were set to mitigate the spread of the **coronavirus** on campus.



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August 25, 2020



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COVID-19 makes half of Clemson workers take unpaid days off

Associated Press

All employees at Clemson University who make at least \$50,000 a year will be required to take at least one day off this year without pay as the school deals with lost revenue from the **COVID-19 pandemic**, university officials said Monday.

Covered by multiple outlets, including: *WBTW, Greenville News, Count on 2, Greenville Journal, WYFF, WLTX, TigerNet, ABC News 4, Charlotte Observer, Upstate Today* and *Post and Courier*

Born to the Internet, Grew Up Fast in a Pandemic

New York Times

Neil Burton, executive director of Clemson University's Center for Career and Professional Development, said the career center was trying to direct students to more campus-specific opportunities, such as internships, as more traditional off-campus jobs become scarce.

New online ordering system sends Clemson ice cream nationwide

Morning Ag Clips

Clemson University ice cream holds sweet memories for Kathleen "Kat" Miller Vinson and now that she lives thousands of miles away, a new online ordering system allows her to continue making memories.

ATHLETICS

Dabo Swinney & others take paycut as Clemson furloughs employees

Fansided

While Dabo Swinney and Clemson's coaches are contract workers, they have agreed to voluntarily take at least a 10 percent reduction in compensation, according to *The Athletic's Grace Raynor*.

Covered by: *24/7 Sports*

Clemson ranked No. 1 in AP preseason top 25. Here's the full poll

Island Packet

Clemson is ranked No. 1 in both major preseason polls.

AROUND S.C.

Here's what to know Tuesday about COVID-19 in the Upstate

Greenville News

On Monday, DHEC reported 543 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina and an additional 7 deaths.

SC Economists Face COVID-19 Unknown to Craft Budget Estimate

US News & World Report

The board in South Carolina that predicts how much the state will collect in taxes and fees so lawmakers can know how much they can spend wants to be as conservative as possible without hampering government during the COVID-19 pandemic.

South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott hails progress made in America on race

WYFF

South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott says he is living the American dream and cites "the evolution of the Southern heart" as the reason he, as a Black man, was able to win a primary election against a son of Strom Thurmond. Scott, the only Black GOP senator, was the closing speaker at the Republican National Convention on Monday.

Speculation grows that Boeing will move all its 787 production to South Carolina

Wichita Business Journal

There has been speculation that the Boeing Co. would look to move more manufacturing out of the Pacific Northwest ever since it announced plans for a second 787 plant in South Carolina in 2009. Now, the impact of Covid-19 on aerospace and the particularly hard-hit wide-body sector of the commercial market could speed those plans along.

HIGHER ED.

College Reopening: The Outlook for In-Person Classes

New York Times

A look at how U.S. colleges and universities are starting the semester, and the challenges for students with special needs.

Colleges need COVID-19 tests to reopen, scientists say. Some don't have much of a plan.

USA Today

COVID-19 outbreaks already are **interrupting colleges' plans to reopen their campuses** across the country. But just how big those interruptions are — and whether the outbreaks can be contained — hinges in part on colleges' plans to test students rapidly.

Half-empty lectures and online booking: How Italy's universities plan to reopen after lockdown

The Local

As universities as well as schools prepare to restart in September, here's a closer look at the plans for keeping students and staff safe on campus.

Universities in Wuhan reopen with strict protective measures

Global Times

Universities in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei Province, have started welcoming returning students in batches after a suspension of more than seven months as the city resumes normalcy.



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August 26, 2020



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Emails shed light on the internal push to rename Clemson's Calhoun Honors College

Greenville News

In the days leading up to Clemson University Board of Trustees' vote to remove John C. Calhoun's name from the Honors College thousands of people – including the executive director of the program – took action to demand change from the university, according to an analysis of internal emails The News received through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Clemson sets move-in dates

Your Pickens County

Clemson University kicked off its fall semester with online instruction Aug. 19 and is preparing to welcome students back to campus next month.

ATHLETICS

Clemson Offers One Of Nation's Top 2022 RB Prospects

Sports Illustrated

Emmanuel Henderson, one of the nation's top running back prospects in the 2022 recruiting class, has received an offer from Clemson. He announced the offer on Twitter on Tuesday night.

Clemson vs. Notre Dame ranked the 'best game of the season'

Fansided

The Clemson football team enters the 2020 season as the unquestioned favorite to win the National Championship.

Clemson receiver eager to follow in footsteps of Hunter Renfrow, others to wear No. 13

Post and Courier

Brannon Spector understands the gravity of the No. 13 jersey. But the Clemson redshirt freshman knows it's the player who makes the number. Tyler Grisham, Adam Humphries and Hunter Renfrow — slot receivers who wore the number and parlayed Tigers greatness into NFL careers — knew that, too. That's why Spector is focused on being the

best slot receiver he can be and not worrying too much about his predecessors.

Etienne comfortable deciding to return to Clemson amid virus

FOX Carolina

Travis Etienne is comfortable with his choice to return to No. 1 Clemson instead of jumping to the NFL.

'Monsters' and 'dogs': Meet the rising stars in Clemson's receiving corps

Greenville Online

Senior wide receiver Amari Rodgers says E.J. Williams is a monster.

AROUND S.C.

Two University of South Carolina sorority houses quarantined

Times and Democrat

The University of South Carolina has quarantined two sorority houses after students living there tested positive for COVID-19. University administrators said Tuesday the students were either asymptomatic or experiencing minor symptoms prior to being tested, **The State newspaper reported.**

COVID-19 updates: Here's the latest Wednesday

Greenville News

Greenville County led the state in new cases with 186, while Anderson has 45 new cases and Spartanburg has 59. As off-campus students return to Clemson, wastewater samples revealed the virus' presence is steady with recent sample levels in the city, while the university saw an increase in the virus' presence on campus, according to the most recent report.

Winthrop University furloughs over 800 workers to save \$3 million.

Herald Online

The Winthrop Board of Trustees approved a furlough plan Tuesday that will affect nearly all faculty and staff and save the university approximately \$3 million.

Why McMaster hasn't applied yet for SC residents to get \$300 more in unemployment benefits

The State

South Carolinians out of work and in need of extra financial support may soon have some extra cash in their bank accounts. State officials are working on extending unemployment benefits available through a federal program put in place to help workers in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. But Gov. Henry McMaster first must apply for the support.

HIGHER ED.

Tracking Coronavirus Cases at U.S. Colleges and Universities

New York Times

As college students and professors return to campus in the midst of a pandemic, coronavirus cases are turning up by the thousands. A New York Times survey of more than 1,500 American colleges and universities has revealed at least 26,000 cases and 64 deaths since the pandemic began.

Higher Education Leaders: Stop Confusing Wishful Thinking With Innovation

Forbes

Since the beginning of the summer, colleges and universities all over the country have been spending millions of dollars trying to make campuses safe for their students to return. This choice has been at the expense of other opportunities, such as bringing back furloughed employees and investing in alternative teaching methods.

University of Alabama reports 531 virus cases since last week as Tuscaloosa closes bars

CBS News

The mayor of Tuscaloosa announced Monday that the city is closing bars for the next two weeks after [University of Alabama](#) officials described an "unacceptable" rise in [COVID-19](#) cases that could derail plans to continue the semester on campus. According to the school's [COVID-19 dashboard](#), there were 531 cases of the virus reported since August 19.



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**As Fall Semester Begins, Colleges Turn to More Furloughs:
Clemson, Winthrop, Portland, Tufts, And Nebraska**

Forbes

The fall semester has just begun, and already several major universities have been forced to implement a new round of furloughs as they struggle with plummeting revenues and soaring expenses due to the coronavirus pandemic.

**Busting Bundy, blaming students, supporting masks: News from
around our 50 states**

USA Today

Clemson estimates it will lose up to \$180 million between losing fans at football games, losing fees and tuition from the spring and fall semesters, and having to buy protective equipment and renovate classrooms for social distancing and COVID-19 safety.

**Black voters are being targeted in disinformation campaigns,
echoing the 2016 Russian playbook**

Washington Post

An Iranian disinformation campaign, which was part a Facebook takedown in October, using a phony website, called BLMNews.com, and claiming to be a "Source of African-American News all around the world," helped to push manipulative content, said Linvill, the Clemson researcher.

**A Program in Memory of Tyrone Gayle, Sen. Kamala Harris's Press
Secretary, Strives to Diversify the Political Landscape**

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

Clemson University senior Michaela Knox has been interested in law since middle school, after the shooting of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed Black teen killed in 2012. Seven years later, the criminal justice and sociology major found herself in Washington D.C., interning for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee as one of the first participants in the [Tyrone Gayle Scholars Program](#).

Clemson ice cream shop to deliver to customers around the US
WBTW

Clemson University's student-run ice cream shop, '55 Exchange, will now be able to sell their product around the US.

Protecting Edisto Island: Community input sought for cleanup plan for waterways

Times and Democrat

The Edisto Island community relies upon its surrounding waterways for everything from food to recreation to employment, and Clemson University is looking for local knowledge about the best ways to protect them.

ALUMNI

You provide the truck, Undergrads provides the muscle

Charlotte Business Journals

What began as a side hustle for two Clemson University seniors has become **Undergrads**, a full-fledged business spanning five cities in two states.

ATHLETICS

Clemson's Dabo Swinney on Jacob Blake shooting: 'Incredibly disgusting...to see'

Post and Courier

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney on Wednesday offered a harsh rebuke of the Kenosha, Wis., police who shot an unarmed 29-year-old Black man in the back Sunday.

Clemson Football: How would Tigers fare with an SEC schedule in 2020?

Rubbing the Rock

It's that portion of the preseason where we look at how the Clemson football team would fare if the Tigers were thrust into the **Southeastern Conference**.

AROUND S.C.

South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (August 26, 2020)

WYFF

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced Wednesday 505 new confirmed cases and 28 new probable cases of coronavirus, 42 additional confirmed deaths and 3 new probable deaths.

Dozens of tickets handed out in Clemson as officers work to enforce mask ordinance

FOX Carolina

Officers in Clemson spent the past weekend handing out tickets for mask violations.

Subcommittee meets at Statehouse to discuss hate crime laws

ABC News 4

The Criminal Statutory Review Subcommittee met for the first time in the State House on Wednesday. Its goal is to get hate crime legislation passed in the Palmetto State in the next legislative session.

Report: \$668 Million CARES Act funding yet to be allocated in S.C.

WIS-TV

South Carolina received \$1.9 Billion from the CARES Act. It hasn't all been spent, yet.

In June, Governor Henry McMaster signed into law Act 142 (which laid out where the money would go).

Hurricane Laura is forecast to affect the Midlands. Here's when and what to expect

The State

Hurricane Laura is gaining strength as it closes in on the Louisiana and Texas coast. The storm's impacts could be devastating to those states, but are forecast to be significantly less dangerous when Laura reaches South Carolina and the Midlands.



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Disregard for distancing, mask wearing could mean conduct violations for Clemson students

WYFF

Student Code of Conduct now has language about following executive orders from governor, health regulations.

147 tickets for not wearing masks: Clemson police step up enforcement of city ordinance

Post and Courier

With Clemson University students returning to the area and in-person classes on the horizon, the Clemson Police Department is enforcing a mask ordinance passed by City Council two months ago.

Clemson Corner: Call Me MISTER transforms into yearlong series in response to COVID-19, national protests

Greenville Journal

Clemson University's storied **Call Me MISTER** program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and due to the pandemic has adapted its typical summer leadership institute into a yearlong leadership series.

ALUMNI

Author Bryson Thompson releases "How Angels Are Made", a children's book about loss and healing

Digital Journal

Proud husband, father, educator, mentor and entrepreneur perfectly describes the life of Bryson Thompson Sr. With 10+ years of experience as a special educator and mental health professional, With a degree in Special Education from Clemson University and a Masters in Behavior / Learning Disabilities from Georgia State University, he continually works to find ways to enhance the life and experience of the future generation.

ATHLETICS

Clemson football to allow limited attendance for home games

Independent Mail

Death Valley won't be full as usual, only about one-fourth capacity when the preseason No. 1 Tigers have their home opener Sept. 19 against The Citadel. But considering the alternatives, two of the Power Five conferences have elected to not even play this season and fellow ACC team Duke will play in an empty home stadium, some fans are better than none.

Covered by multiple outlets, including: *Count on 2*, *WYFF*, *ESPN*, *The Spun*, *Hastings Tribune* and *Upstate Today*

Clemson Offers Top 2022 Cornerback

Sports Illustrated

On Thursday afternoon, 2022 cornerback Toriano Pride announced he has received an offer from Clemson. The 5-foot-11, 172 pound defensive back from St. Louis, Missouri announced the offer on Twitter.

Clemson football players share thoughts on Jacob Blake shooting, pro sports boycott

Greenville News

Clemson football players voiced support for professional athletes from the NBA and other leagues that began boycotting games earlier this week in protest of the shooting of Jacob Blake by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Sunday.

AROUND S.C.

South Carolina announces latest COVID-19 update (Aug. 27, 2020)

WYFF

The percentage of positive COVID-19 cases in South Carolina is the lowest it has been in two months, according to data released Thursday by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Five Greek Village houses at UofSC under quarantine

ABC News 4

Five Greek Village houses at the University of South Carolina are under quarantine after multiple residents tested positive, university officials announced. In all cases, students were either asymptomatic or experiencing very minor COVID-19 symptoms prior to their tests and none require hospitalization.

University Of South Carolina Considers Shutdown, North Carolina State Closes Dorms Over Coronavirus

Forbes

USC President Bob Caslen *asked* his staff to develop shutdown options on Thursday after the school reported 191 new coronavirus cases in a single day.

HIGHER ED.

COVID-19 dashboards track increases at Virginia universities

WHSV

The University of Virginia in Charlottesville released its first set of COVID-19 **testing data** on Wednesday. There have been 58 total positive cases at the university since Aug. 17, including 31 students. The university's quarantine rooms are currently 5% occupied and the isolation rooms are not occupied.

Are universities doing enough to help keep students safe?

Yahoo! News

As Arizona universities report COVID-19 cases on campus, there's concern about what happens next. What if there's a major outbreak? Are universities doing enough to prevent it?



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The pandemic hasn't stopped some Clemson students from partying. Residents are not happy.

Greenville News

Returned from their summer vacations, university students flocked to downtown restaurants and bars in Clemson last week, prompting city police to crack down on those in violation of the city's mask ordinance. In the 24 hours spanning Aug. 21-22, police issued 147 citations for mask violations and responded to 48 calls for service in the downtown district, alone, interim Police Chief Jeff Stone told The Greenville News and Independent Mail.

Clemson students face suspension, expulsion for COVID-19 safety violations

Greenville News

Clemson University students can be suspended – or worse, expelled – if they violate health and safety restrictions in place due to the coronavirus, according to university officials.

Twitter suspended dozens of accounts. But were they Russian? It's hard to tell.

NBC News

The accounts flagged by the Clemson researchers used the same overall strategies the U.S. government identified when it filed charges in 2018 against Kremlin-backed operators of social media accounts it accused of interfering with the 2016 presidential election, including supporting Donald Trump and attacking Democratic candidates. As in 2016, the accounts also supported Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and continued to do so after he dropped out of the primaries.

Officials confirm infestations of Asian Longhorned Beetle on Johns Island, Hollywood

Live 5 News

South Carolina has been invaded by an invasive species making its home in the hardwood trees of the Lowcountry. Clemson University has confirmed infestations of the Asian Longhorned Beetle on Johns Island and in Hollywood.

Fruit flies help a graduate student spread her wings

Times and Democrat

As a graduate student at the Clemson Center for Human Genetics, I

have been able to foster research and outreach collaborations with the Greenwood Genetic Center.

Massachusetts is at greater risk of hurricanes in record-setting storm season

Patriot Ledger

Especially this year, individuals and families in the path of a hurricane need to be prepared and act early, said Pamela Marie Murray-Tuite, a civil engineering professor at Clemson University in South Carolina who studies hurricane evacuations.

New Online Ordering System Sends Clemson Ice Cream around the U.S.

Metro Columbia

A new online ordering system is helping the '55 Exchange, a student-run business on Clemson University's campus where Clemson Ice Cream and other dairy products are sold, recoup losses incurred from being shut down because of COVID-19.

Companies in Hexagon's portfolio to sponsor the Indy Autonomous Challenge

Geospatial World

Two companies in Hexagon's Autonomy & Positioning brand portfolio, AutonomouStuff and NovAtel, have announced their support for the Indy Autonomous Challenge. AutonomouStuff is also assisting students from Clemson University's Deep Orange-12 as they design and retrofit the Dallara IL-15 racer.

ATHLETICS

Can Athletic Departments Cap Coaching Salaries To Save Money?

Forbes

Recently, three Clemson professors **penned a piece** suggesting that the salaries of college coaches could be capped as a way to make up for some of the financial challenges facing athletic departments.

NFL Analyst Says There's 1 Clear Favorite For QB Trevor Lawrence

College Spun

Trevor Lawrence is widely expected to be the No. 1 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft.

AROUND S.C.

SC lawmakers prepare to write budget delayed by COVID-19

ABC Columbia

After months of delays because of the COVID-19 pandemic, South Carolina lawmakers are getting ready to write this year's budget.

South Carolina posts second straight day over 1,000 cases and over 20 percent positive

ABC News 4

After a two-week run of under 1,000 new cases of COVID-19, South Carolina has gone two straight days over 1,000 new cases. On top of that, it's the second straight day over 20 percent positive.

Hundreds of raucous party-goers crammed into a pool area near the University of South Carolina over the weekend in violation of coronavirus rules, authorities said.

New York Post

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If South Carolina goes to all-virtual classes, how will that affect football plans?

The State

The University of South Carolina had a bad week on the coronavirus front last week, but that and any potential of halting in-person class in Columbia might not change life too much for Will Muschamp's team.

SC surpasses 1 million tests for coronavirus, and officials say more tests are needed

Post and Courier

South Carolina surpassed 1 million tests for the coronavirus on Sunday, and health officials are encouraging more people to get tested.

HIGHER ED.

36 states report a total of 8,700 Covid-19 cases at colleges and universities; country nears 6 million

CNN

A return to campus for the new academic year has colleges and universities struggling to both contain outbreaks of Covid-19 and enforce policies meant to prevent its spread. Across the United States, at least 36 states have reported positive cases at colleges and universities, adding more than 8,700 cases to the country's tally. **Almost 6 million infections** have been recorded in the United States, according to data from **Johns Hopkins University**.

Northwestern University freshmen, sophomores will not return to campus

The Hill

Underclassmen at Northwestern University will not return to campus this semester and fraternity and sorority houses remain shuttered, **the university announced Friday**.

Why Should College Students Protect Us From Covid When We're Doing A Lousy Job Of Protecting Their Future?

Forbes

The broader context is that universities spent months and millions of dollars preparing to welcome students back, but somehow didn't foresee that **students might socialize**.

Temple University shuts down in-person classes as COVID-19 cases on campus increase

NJ.com

Temple University has announced a two-week halt of in-person classes as Philadelphia officials called on all college and university students in the city to avoid all social gatherings with people outside their households.

This university created its own COVID-19 test and is testing students twice a week — experts are watching to see if it's enough to prevent an outbreak

MarketWatch

Over the roughly week and a half that Ian Katsnelson has been back at his college, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the junior has developed a "mini competition" with his friends to see who can finish the process of taking their COVID-19 tests the fastest.



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An online class by any other name? College students pay rent, enroll -- then find courses aren't in-person

USA Today

Many universities, like Clemson or the University of California at Berkeley, have delayed the start of their in-person classes. But it's unclear if they will actually start face-to-face courses or if they are just saying what students want to hear.

Batteries created by Clemson scientists could eventually help astronauts on Mars

ABC News 4

Scientists at Clemson University believe they have created lighter and faster-charging batteries that could be a more effective way of powering a spacesuit or a Mars rover.

Covered by: *Space Daily*, *Science Mag* and *Tech Xplore*

7 Hot Food Stocks to Buy for Tasty Returns

Investor Place

Recent research by Sandip Dutta and Vignesh Prabhu of Clemson University highlights that a "franchised company like MCD shows ... resilience and holds the stock price steady even in the average market meltdown."

S.C. Stimulus Research Program announces 2020 projects

GSA Business

Under the **S.C. Stimulus Research Program**, state universities are delving into projects ranging from replacing damaged blood vessels to transcending the boundaries of lithium ion batteries. A team lead by Wayne Carver, professor and chair of cell biology and anatomy at the **University of South Carolina**, including students from USC, **Clayton University**, **Clemson University** and **Winthrop University**, is exploring synthetic materials to use in the replacement of small blood vessels.

ATHLETICS

Students in upper deck, band on the hill. How Clemson's Death Valley will look in 2020

The State

Before each home game in recent years at Memorial Stadium, Clemson football players ran to the East end zone near the Tigers' student section and waved their arms, firing up the crowd prior to kickoff. If that tradition continues in 2020, it will be in front of a much different-looking crowd due to COVID-19.

Clemson has a new challenger to its ACC supremacy

Greenville News

Could the Atlantic Coast Conference, which absorbed plenty of well-deserved bashing for its shortage of good teams last season, be upwardly mobile among the "Power Three" in 2020?

Keeper: 5 reasons Clemson's Dabo Swinney won't change his stripes for spots

Greenville News

Mike Tannenbaum dropped a bomb Tuesday on ESPN's "Get Up" program, suggesting that the timing would be right for a "perfect storm" that could result in Clemson coach Dabo Swinney and his quarterback, Trevor Lawrence, landing along the shores of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida, at season's end.

AROUND S.C.

COVID-19 updates: DHEC confirms 651 new cases, Clemson reports spike of virus in wastewater

Greenville News

The City of Clemson saw a spike of the coronavirus in wastewater samples this week, according to a city analysis of wastewater.

USC students line up around the block for COVID testing as virus spreads on campus

The State

Zack Shapiro wanted to get tested for the coronavirus, but he worried that going to get the test on the University of South Carolina campus would cause more harm than good.

University of South Carolina Cracks Down on Greek Houses for Virus Violations

NY Times

Disciplinary action is taken over parties and large gatherings as cases mount on campus.

COVID-19 downturn eating away S.C. budget estimates

Sumter Item

A cautious group of economists decided Monday to cut the amount of taxes, fees and other revenues South Carolina expects to collect this budget year by about \$52 million in large part because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SC has \$800M-plus surplus, but COVID-19 casts doubt on whether lawmakers will spend it

The State

South Carolina has more than \$800 million in new money to spend, despite the COVID-19 outbreak's massive economic toll.

South Carolina receives \$600 million in settlement with Federal Government

FOX Carolina

The South Carolina Attorney General's Office announced on Monday the State of South Carolina has settled a lawsuit with the United States Government ending six years of litigation between the two.

HIGHER ED.

Why Higher Education Needs To Think Customer Service To Ensure Student Success

Forbes

With some colleges opening their doors to students, others opting for virtual learning, and some embracing a hybrid model, students are left under a cloud of uncertainty about their college experience.

University of Arkansas reports 151 new coronavirus cases

KATV

The University of Arkansas on Monday reported 151 more confirmed cases of coronavirus at its campus in Fayetteville and a White House report said the state continued to have one of the highest rates of positive tests in the country.



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'We don't want to become the super-spreaders': Citing COVID-19, Clemson Greek life goes virtual

Greenville News

Greek organizations – which represent about 25% of Clemson's 26,000 students – have gone virtual this fall as frat parties and crowded bars shut down college campuses nationwide after outbreaks of COVID-19.

Clemson University releases "UnitedAsTigers" PSA

Tiger Net

Clemson University recently finished up their first week of classes for the fall semester after much planning and effort. President [Jim Clements](#) posted an update on Friday about students stepping up.

How SC colleges and universities are handling COVID-19 cases

WLTX

In the Upstate, Clemson University has had several cases. According to their dashboard, 272 students and 64 teachers have test positive, making the total 336 cases since June 5.

Clemson study: Prescribed fire doesn't hinder forests from producing clean water

Morning Ag Clips

Forestlands occupy approximately two-thirds of South Carolina's land area

Clemson Receives \$2.5 Million Grant To Study The Mechanisms Of Ecosystem Health

Science Mag

Clemson University researcher Barbara Campbell and her collaborators have received a five-year, \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to identify the functional mechanisms of microbes that relate to the health of ecosystems.

As November elections approach, Clemson's troll hunters work to protect presidential debates

Post and Courier

A pair of Clemson University associate professors are building a team to "out" Internet trolls as the 2020 presidential debates get underway in September ahead of the November general election.

Clemson researchers to launch 'Spot the troll' tool to fight social media disinformation

Greenville News

Two Clemson researchers who study how foreign disinformation campaigns on social media interfere in U.S. elections are launching an online tool to help people "Spot the Troll."

Think before you share: Four tips and three tools for spotting a bot on social media

Tech Republic

Two researchers at Clemson University have studied the strategy and tactics of professional trolls. In an interview with "Here and Now," associate professor of economics Patrick Warren said the goal of these accounts is to cause social conflict online, which can become real conflict in the world.

ATHLETICS

Game time, TV info set for Clemson's first two games

The State

The kickoff times for Clemson's first two games are set. The Tigers will travel to face Wake Forest at 7:30 p.m. on ABC, the ACC announced Tuesday. The game will be played without fans in the stands, Wake Forest announced earlier Tuesday.

Clemson will play 2020 football season opener in an empty stadium

The State

Clemson's season opener will be played in an empty stadium. Wake Forest announced Tuesday that no fans will be allowed at its game against Clemson on Sept. 12.

Star College Quarterbacks Should Be Making \$2.4 Million a Year

Bloomberg

If college athletes were paid like their professional counterparts, how much would they earn? That's one question a paper from the [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) seeks to answer. A star quarterback like Clemson University's Trevor Lawrence would probably reap \$2.4 million per season, according to "Who Profits from Amateurism? Rent-Sharing in Modern College Sports."

AROUND S.C.

South Carolina confirms more than 700 new COVID-19 cases, more than 30 additional deaths

WJCL

Health officials in South Carolina announced Tuesday more than 700 new COVID-19 cases.

Top USC coronavirus officials strike positive tone in COVID case

numbers, testing

The State

Despite a recent surge of cases, top University of South Carolina officials are not yet ringing the alarm bells, they said at a Tuesday press conference. One of the major reasons why: saliva testing, said College of Pharmacy Dean Stephen Cutler and Arnold School of Public Health epidemiologist Melissa Nolan.

Get tested regardless of symptoms, state health officials say

Charleston City Paper

South Carolina officials say coronavirus testing has declined in the last month while, at the same time, new cases have fallen under 1,000 per day.

Pandemic puts South Carolina lawmakers in a budget quandary

WRDW

Under a budget plan passed before the COVID-19 pandemic by House members, South Carolina state employees were in line for merit-based raises. Carlton Washington, the executive director for the South Carolina State Employees Association, said they'll be asking lawmakers to include a raise in any new budget plan they put together later this month.

HIGHER ED.

A Question of Trust

Inside Higher Ed.

With pivots, lockdowns and outbreaks occurring at campuses around the country, will students continue to trust their colleges?

A Court Orders The University Of California Not To Use The SAT Or ACT During The Pandemic

Forbes

This admissions season, the prestigious University of California system won't be able to consider standardized tests when it evaluates applicants. It also can't use the tests to screen students for scholarships.

287 Utah State University students quarantined after Covid-19 found in wastewater from four dorms

CNN

While schools and universities across the country monitor coronavirus outbreaks with human testing, Utah State University officials announced they've discovered evidence of the virus a different way.

College tuition lawsuits target high costs of online education during COVID-19

WJLA

Colleges and universities were among the first to respond to the **coronavirus** pandemic, shutting their doors and sending millions of students home for a spring semester of remote learning. The concern is widespread among college students and parents that while the quality of online education has declined, **tuition has not**.



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Agriculture campus expected to bring more than 1,500 jobs to Hampton County

Bluffton Today

The campus will partner with Clemson University for research and development, a partnership that will be the first of its kind in the country, officials said. Clemson president Dr. James P. Clements was on hand and made remarks during the ceremony.

Why Asparagus Makes Your Pee Smell Terrible

Serious Eats

Dr. Daniel Whitehead, an associate professor of chemistry at Clemson University, describes asparagus pee as "the typical sort of putrid smell that we encounter in our labs." He's something of an expert in objectionable odors: One of his lab's main projects is creating nanoparticles that can capture and remove odor-causing molecules from the water and air surrounding offensively foul-smelling areas.

How First-Home Shoppers Can Keep a Cool Head in a Hot Market

Martinsville Bulletin

Think deeply about why you want to buy a home, says Josh Harris, a certified financial planner and lecturer in finance at Clemson University. Use those reasons to help distinguish between the features you need and the amenities that would be nice to have.

Your Apple Watch could soon tell you if you've got coronavirus

WIRED

"We are increasingly comfortable in letting our everyday lives be surveilled," says James Gilmore, a communications professor at Clemson University in South Carolina. "We have to ask: are those three days [of early detection] worth the tradeoff of wearing technology day in and day out, allowing it to extract and automatically analyse our biometric data and have it stored on a company's servers for an unspecified amount of time?"

ATHLETICS

Clemson offers top highly rated SC receiver prospect for 2022

The State

Clemson offered 2022 Myrtle Beach wide receiver Adam Randall on Tuesday, the first day coaches could initiate contact with 2022 prospects. Later in the day Randall was offered by Oregon.

Clemson tight end forgives coach who used racial slur: 'I'm happy he's my coach'

The State

Clemson tight end Braden Galloway insists that assistant coach Danny Pearman's use of the n-word during a 2017 practice is not indicative of the type of person Pearman is. Galloway, speaking after Tuesday's practice, said he was already aware of the incident involving Pearman and former tight end D.J. Greenlee before it was brought to light this summer.

AROUND S.C.

Latest SC coronavirus case numbers, deaths, percent positivity released from DHEC

WYFF

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced Wednesday 601 new confirmed cases and 45 new probable cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, 26 additional confirmed deaths and 11 new probable deaths.

The Citadel joins Clemson, UofSC to not require ACT/SAT scores for fall 2021 applications

ABC News 4

Earlier in the year, Clemson and the University of South Carolina announced that students applying for the fall 2021 school year wouldn't need to submit ACT/SAT scores. Now, The Citadel announced they will be waiving the ACT/SAT scores as well for high school students.

UofSC Interfraternity Council makes changes to fall recruitment as COVID-19 cases rise

ABC Columbia

Students at the University of South Carolina have been back on campus for less than a month, but as students, faculty and staff resumed in person instruction, cases of coronavirus began to surface. The council announcing Wednesday plans to continue fall recruitment virtually instead of in-person.

UofSC president says closing campus could make things worse after rising COVID-19 cases

WIS-TV

Leaders from the University of South Carolina have provided updates on their efforts to combat the growing number of COVID-19 cases on campus. Classes at UofSC started Aug. 20. Now, two weeks later, the school is seeing 1,192 cumulative coronavirus cases.

Furman suspends fraternity after 32 students test positive for COVID-19 following parties

Greenville News

Fuman University has suspended the Kappa Alpha fraternity from campus for at least four years after the group hosted two parties that resulted in dozens of students testing positive for COVID-19.

SC Senators hold special session to address election laws as absentee ballot demand soars

Live 5 News

South Carolina Senators say they are meeting in Columbia for a one-day special session to address election laws as the number of absentee ballot requests reach record numbers.

HIGHER ED.

The US colleges and universities with the most coronavirus cases since the pandemic began

Business Insider

The University of Alabama, University of South Carolina, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have some of the highest rates of coronavirus to date.

San Diego State University halts in-person classes after dozens of students infected with coronavirus

KTLA

The school announced Wednesday that about 200 course offerings, some of them lab classes, will move to virtual learning. On-campus housing will remain open.

Coronavirus latest: University reports 90% jump in cases on campus

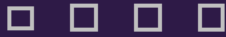
ABC News

The University of Mississippi confirmed 223 new cases over the past seven days.

Why haven't COVID-19 cases spiked at Duke University? Mass testing plays a big part.

News and Observer

As COVID-19 cases soared into the hundreds at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University this fall when students returned to campus, Duke University seems to have things under control, for now.



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'Flame looking for fuel': Clemson wastewater hints at virus rise, with students on the way

Post and Courier

Wastewater data suggests coronavirus infections could be picking up again in Clemson, and the university plans to step up monitoring as students soon return to campus. The university's leading wastewater expert, Professor David Freedman, is setting up 12 coronavirus monitoring stations at manholes around campus to watch for localized spikes in the virus when freshman move into dorms next week. In-person classes resume Sept. 21.

SC health experts predict COVID-19 surge after Labor Day, as students return to school

Herald Online

"If people don't take the proper precautions, we're going to see another massive surge after Labor Day," Clemson bio-statistician Lior Rennert said. "It's as simple as that."

Clemson professors monitoring foreign meddling on social media ahead of 2020 election

WSPA

Associate professors at Clemson University are continuing to monitor foreign internet trolls and their attempts to undermine the United States ahead of the 2020 election. Their work has been shared with lawmakers, federal law enforcement agencies, and the U.S. Army Cyber Command.

Clemson fall field days will be online in 2020

Augusta Chronicle

Clemson University Research and Education Centers (RECs) will hold its first-ever Virtual Fall Field Days this year to inform the public of important research while protecting people from COVID-19.

Clemson Extension: Gardening has grown more popular during pandemic

Index Journal

Despite all of the disruptions of 2020, many of us gained an appreciation for time with family and the simpler things. We looked around our homes and yard and dug in, figuratively and literally.

ATHLETICS

Clemson tight end to miss season with torn ACL

The State

Tigers coach Dabo Swinney announced following Thursday's practice that tight end Luke Price is out for the season with a torn ACL. Price was injured during a scrimmage last month.

Clemson depth chart projections: There's no shortage of options on offense

The Athletic

Dabo Swinney fielded a question this preseason specifically about his backup quarterbacks and running backs. His answer, however, could have applied to the talent across his entire offense.

Clemson football student tickets will be free, lottery next week

WYFF

In a message to students Thursday, Clemson University spelled out how the football ticketing process will work.

CLEMSON FOOTBALL: Predicting 2-deep depth chart for Wake

Times and Democrat

The Tigers kick off the season on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Wake Forest at 7:30 p.m. on ABC.

AROUND S.C.

Coronavirus live updates: Here's what to know in South Carolina on Sept. 4

The State

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control on Thursday reported 1,084 new cases of the virus, up from 601 the day before. This marks the second time in the last two weeks that more than 1,000 new cases were reported in a day.

University of South Carolina records 1,026 COVID cases

NBC News

In the past week the test positivity rate among University of South Carolina students and faculty was 26 percent, according to its COVID information dashboard.

University of South Carolina halts COVID-19 saliva testing, citing staff woes

WRDW

One day after University of South Carolina President Bob Caslen said the school would continue to test as many students as possible for COVID-19, saliva testing on campus has stopped.

How cities on South Carolina's coast are handling Labor Day, COVID

WLTX

Several cities along the coast have plans and precautions in place to let people enjoy the holiday weekend and keep folks safe during the pandemic.

South Carolina leaders roll out a new push to promote careers in skilled trades

WRDW

Thursday, Governor Henry McMaster and other state leaders unveiled the "Be Pro, Be Proud SC" project, which includes a new 53-foot, double expandable 18-wheeler. The mobile workshop includes eight simulators, like truck driving, forklifts, and carpentry and welding machines, and it aims to grab high school students' interest and help them realize a career in the trades is just as respectable as attending a four-year college.

UofSC alumni association says cyber criminals carried out a ransomware attack on some data

FOX Carolina

The University of South Carolina announced that Blackbaud, Inc., a software company that provides data services to nonprofit organizations, including UoSC, recently made us aware of a data security incident that may have affected some of their constituents' personal data.



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CLEMSON NEWS | UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

September 07, 2020



This is an internal email for leadership at Clemson. It is designed to share news about the University, South Carolina and higher education.

Clemson President shares update on returning to campus; all students to be tested for COVID-19

WSPA

Clemson University President Jim Clements announced Friday they remain on track to start in-person classes and on-campus activities on September 21.

Covered by: *FOX Carolina*, *Clemson Insider* and *Count On 2*

Clemson requiring more COVID-19 testing after announcing nearly 400 cases

WSPA

Clemson's Undergraduate Secretary of Communications, Aparna Mahendranath says the University made a smart move.

Picked up by: *IonGreenville* and *MSN*

Clemson Receives Two Prestigious Excellence In Diversity Awards

Equal Opportunity Today

2020 marks the third consecutive year Clemson has won the Diversity Champion award and the fourth consecutive year the University has won the HEED award.

SC project aims to boost locally grown food options amid trade, coronavirus concerns

Post and Courier

James Clements, president of Clemson, said the project will also be a boon to the Upstate university's research programs and the roughly 25,000 farms that make up South Carolina's \$46.2 billion-a-year agribusiness industry.

Local community garden effort partners with Clemson University

Newberry Observer

The Living Water Foundation, for the past few years, has been working to develop a community garden and wellness park that will serve residents of Newberry County. In 2018, the Living Water Foundation began partnering with Clemson University's Creative Inquiry program and Professor Dr. Kirby Player to help develop the project.

ATHLETICS

Clemson athletics jumps from 0 positive COVID-19 tests to nearly 20 in a week

Charlotte Observer

A week after Clemson athletics had no positive COVID-19 cases, the university announced that 18 people in the athletics department tested positive for the coronavirus this week.

Covered by: [WYFF](#)

Clemson picked to win ACC in 2020, buoyed by league's top two players

The State

Clemson is the favorite to win the Atlantic Coast Conference again in the 2020 season, according to the annual media poll that was released Friday by the league.

College GameDay to broadcast from Clemson-Wake Forest, with a twist due to COVID-19

The State

ESPN's College GameDay will be in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for Clemson's season opener against Wake Forest next Saturday, but the show will have a much different look.

Trevor Lawrence: College football players will use platforms to bring social change

The State

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence continues to use his platform to fight racial injustice.

AROUND S.C.

COVID-19 update: SC records 603 news cases

Index Journal

State health officials report 603 new confirmed cases and 6 new probable cases of the novel coronavirus on Sunday, as well as 10 additional confirmed deaths.

UofSC expands quarantine capacity as active COVID-19 cases climb to nearly 1,500

Live 5 News

The University of South Carolina has expanded its quarantine and isolation spaces for students as the number of cases on campus continue to rise. As of Friday, Sept. 4, there are a total of 1,461 active cases of COVID-19 at UofSC, according to the [school's dashboard](#).

Will Muschamp shares latest on South Carolina's COVID-19 situation, players missing practices

Saturday Down South

Not too long ago, the South Carolina Gamecocks were successful in avoiding COVID-19, but that brief run has ended. On Sunday, Will Muschamp shared the latest on cases and practice absences.

HIGHER ED.

Colleges Using COVID Dorms, Quarantines to Keep Virus at Bay

US News & World Report

With the coronavirus spreading through colleges at alarming rates, universities are scrambling to find quarantine locations in dormitory buildings and off-campus properties to isolate the thousands of students who have caught COVID-19 or been exposed to it.

What We Know About The 20 Universities With The Most Coronavirus Cases

Forbes

Public health concerns continue to grow about the spikes in the coronavirus now occurring at American colleges and universities. The *New York Times* is maintaining a [database](#) that tracks the number and rate of new Covid-19 cases at more than 1,500 American colleges and universities — including every four-year public institution, every private college competing in N.C.A.A. sports, plus many others that have reported cases.



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10 Ways Successful People Make Meetings Effective—Based On Science

Forbes

In a fascinating meta-analysis of over 200 studies, [scientists from University of Nebraska and Clemson University](#) have unearthed 10 scientific ways successful people make meetings more effective—before, during and after the event.

Clemson, UofSC working to curb the spread of COVID-19 on campus

Count on 2

Both Clemson University and the University of South Carolina are working to curb the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

Enrollment at S.C. public universities not as low as feared; revenue losses still expected due to pandemic

WRDW

Public universities in South Carolina were projected to miss out on at least \$76 million in revenue this fall because of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to data from CHE, as of Aug. 26, enrollment is down 0.7% at public universities this fall compared to last fall. The University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Medical University of South Carolina, and Lander University saw increases in headcounts.

ATHLETICS

Clemson releases depth chart for Wake Forest. Here it is, with five takeaways

The State

Clemson released its depth chart for the 2020 season opener on Monday.

It's game week. Here's why Clemson is changing its injury report policy for 2020

The State

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney is known to be honest about injuries his players are dealing with.

Clemson football players continue to spark social change

WSPA

Several weeks ago, the team led the University in a march for equality. Since then, they haven't taken their foot off the gas.

AROUND S.C.

Coronavirus live updates: Here's what to know in South Carolina on Sept. 7

The State

At least 123,552 people have tested positive for the coronavirus in South Carolina, and 2,767 have died, according to state health officials.

USC to resume saliva COVID-19 testing Tuesday, but capacity is limited

The State

USC announced Thursday it was pausing saliva testing on campus because a "key lab staffer" became sick. Before that person became sick, USC was able to process 1,200 saliva tests in a day and return the results within 24 hours.

SC to start broadband expansion, but it may only scratch the surface of state's needs

The State

More than \$50 million worth of broadband expansion projects will start this month in 23 counties around the state to help close the internet service gap exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGHER ED.

Colleges And Universities Should Tap Endowments To Discount Tuition This Year

Forbes

2020 has been a rough year for everyone, but college students ought to occupy a preeminent place in your pity palace. After an interrupted spring semester, their colleges and universities either engaged in magical thinking, lied to them, or continue to expose them and the surrounding communities to Covid. Most students are now engaged in remote learning while continuing to pay full tuition.

Students still concerned about rising COVID cases at the University of Alabama

WSFA

The number of positive COVID-19 cases are declining, but they're still too high for some students at the University of Alabama to feel completely comfortable.



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The 6 Best 5G Stocks to Buy Now Before the Revolution

Investor Place

As 5G rolls out across the U.S., there will be plenty of exciting new possibilities. In turn, investors and consumers who take a look at 5G stocks can capitalize on the 5G revolution. John Ballato, professor of materials science and engineering and Director of COMSET at Clemson University explained via email: *"The widespread deployment of fifth generation (5G) wireless technologies will feel like a new technological revolution given the data immediacy and capacity it enables..."*

The Top It Cake Shield Aims to Protect Birthday Cakes from Flyaway Germs and Spit

Good Housekeeping

Per the product's website, the Top It Cake Shield was initially inspired by **research spearheaded by scientists** at Clemson University's Department of Food, Nutrition and Packaging Sciences, directly analyzing how blowing out candles may contaminate desserts. The study in question found that blowing out candles on a cake resulted in **"1400% more bacteria"** found on these cakes' outer icing compared to those that were not blown on.

How to Zoom better

Axios

We're approaching six months of telework — and, for many Americans, that means six months of Zoom, Google Meet, Facetime, text messages and actual "phone calls" (remember those?). I spoke with Marissa Shuffler Porter, a work psychologist at Clemson University, about strategies to make all those meetings suck a little less. "Any time that you're going to have a Zoom meeting, it's important to know in advance what's okay and what's not," she says.

Likely because of college students, DHEC says, coronavirus cases are rising in SC

Greenville News

After declining for more than a month, new COVID-19 cases in South Carolina have climbed for the past two weeks, likely because of college students, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Clemson University announced **373 new cases of the coronavirus** last week in students and employees.

How First-Home Shoppers Can Keep a Cool Head in a Hot Market

The Arlington Advocate

Think deeply about why you want to buy a home, says Josh Harris, a certified financial planner and lecturer in finance at Clemson University. Use those reasons to

help distinguish between the features you need and the amenities that would be nice to have.

Also covered by: [The Street](#)

Ag Entrepreneurs Can Develop Business Plan, Learn New Skills

Southern Farm Network

The [Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship](#) (ACRE), in partnership with Clemson Cooperative Extension, is now accepting applications for the third annual curriculum program for agribusiness innovators.

FOX Carolina 5 O'Clock News – Clemson COVID Testing Updates

FOX Carolina

Clemson university will require students to be tested for covid-19 this semester, after the school reported 373 new cases last week.

Clemson names Petty chair of forestry and environmental conservation

Who's on the Move

Having watched from the periphery as Clemson established itself as an exceptional land-grant institution on the national stage, Todd Petty says the opportunity to lead its Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation (FEC) to the next level — that of a world-class research university — was one he could not pass up.

ATHLETICS

No. 1 Clemson ready to begin another title run in a very unconventional season.

Sports Talk Florida

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney is not sure he has ever been this eager to start a season for the top-ranked Tigers after months of uncertainty due to the global pandemic. "I've seen our culture win the day since March," Swinney said Tuesday.

Also covered by: [WRDW](#)

Saturday's game will be an opener like no other for Clemson

The Clemson Insider

Dabo Swinney has been playing and coaching football for a long time, the majority of his life in fact. The first week of a new season is always special for the Clemson coach just because there is so much to do, and the excitement of the first game is upon them.

Clemson City Council approves game-day rules, moratorium extension passes 1st reading

Greenville News

Clemson City Council approved rules for the city's game-day parking program for the upcoming Clemson football season Monday night. The program applies to property owners who obtain permits to host tailgates and paid parking in their lots during football games, a common practice in the downtown neighborhoods near Memorial Stadium.

Clemson tabbed as preseason favorite in ACC men's soccer: UVA picked to win North

Augusta Free Press

The 2020 season begins on Friday (Sept. 11) with an exhibition against Clemson at Klöckner Stadium, a rematch of the 2019 ACC Championship game. The six-game

ACC-only regular season will begin in Blacksburg against Virginia Tech on Oct. 2.

Sapakoff: Clemson's Braden Galloway? Think All-ACC, Shannon Sharpe

Post & Courier

Clemson hasn't had major contributions from the tight end position in the three seasons since that enchanted evening in Tampa. It hasn't been all bad: 41-3, three College Football Playoff appearances, two national championship game trips and another title. But stand by Saturday night at Wake Forest and over the rest of this season for the unleashing of Braden Galloway, Clemson's not-so-secret tight end weapon.

AROUND S.C.

Coming off Labor Day, SC reports fewest COVID-19 cases in months, low testing totals

The State

Coming off the Labor Day weekend, South Carolina recorded its fewest new COVID-19 cases in more than three months on Tuesday, announcing 339 additional cases of the novel virus.

USC stabilizes enrollment, boosts freshman diversity despite COVID 19 pandemic

The State

While many colleges brace for enrollment losses amid the COVID 19 pandemic, the University of South Carolina is actually seeing a slight uptick in enrollment, the school said Tuesday. Compared to this point last year, USC has increased enrollment by about 100 students, USC spokesman Jeff Stensland said in an email.

SC lawmaker warns Citadel board chairman to resign or he will propose law ousting him

Post & Courier

A South Carolina senator wants the chairman of The Citadel's Board of Visitors to resign because the official stood behind an anti-hazing measure at the military college, and the lawmaker threatened to propose legislation that would effectively oust the school official from his post if he doesn't step down.

HIGHER ED.

Universities Face Digital Accessibility Lawsuits Amid Pandemic

Diverse Issues in Higher Education

There's been an uptick in lawsuits by students with disabilities against colleges and universities since the coronavirus pandemic shifted higher education online. This July and August, digital accessibility suits increased 17 times compared to the first half of the year, according to AudioEye, a digital accessibility software company.

How forcing colleges to go online could change higher education for the better

Vox

The **Covid-19** pandemic has plunged American higher education into crisis as more

and more colleges move to remote learning strategies to prevent the spread of the virus. But hidden within this crisis is an opportunity.

Who Leads Colleges After COVID-19?

Inside Higher Ed

A singular focus on the current crisis won't do, higher education leaders say. Those in power at colleges and universities must find time to prepare their institutions for an unsettled future that looks very different from the old status quo.



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Date: August 16, 2020 3:40:00 PM

Dear [REDACTED],

I very much appreciate your honest and heartfelt note. We completely understand the pressures you are feeling. Because of the challenges you, our faculty, and our staff are facing, we will be not only very focused on opening in residence halls and the classrooms in mid-September, but also aiming to make the final decision and announcements before the drop date.

We look forward to seeing you. And I strongly believe that you will be grateful for your choice to attend Clemson.

Sincerely,

Bob

From: [REDACTED]
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To: Jim Clements <president@clemson.edu>; Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Tony Wagner <wagnera@clemson.edu>
Subject: Communication Regarding Return to Campus

Dear President Clements, Provost Jones, and Vice President Wagner

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Cc: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Dan Radakovich](#)
Subject: COVID 19 testing lab on campus for student athletes
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Mark/Joe-

Just letting you all know that I have redeployed one of the two labs in our Science Outreach Center to support the CLIA Lab for the COVID-19 Testing for Athletics. The room is Jordan Hall Room G30 (the Rhino – Stanley - was recently moved over there and is next to the room if you need a landmark).

Facilities is coming tomorrow to put new locks, remove some benches, etc.. Delphine has figured out where everything will go and team who will be assisting. Dan- should be operational quickly.

just thought it may be good to know that it is our science outreach center that is being used when asked and that although it usually has 16,000+ K-12 students and DNA experiments running throughout the year and is now relatively quiet – the three person team is doing virtual STEM labs to support parents who have children at home and will be able to continue doing that in the adjacent lab.

Cynthia

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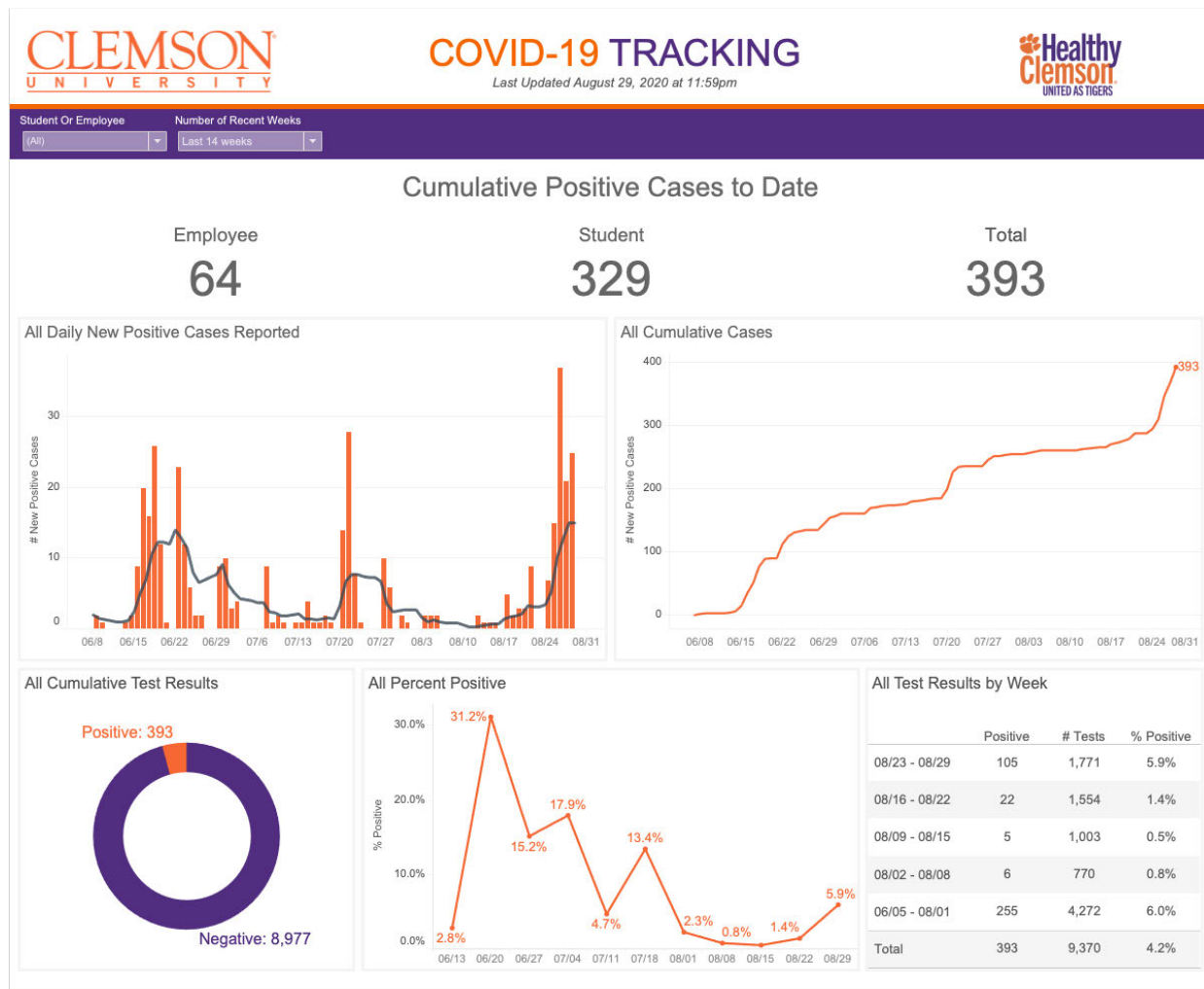
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Hi Bob,

We would like to give you a quick update/preview on two dashboards we have in progress: a redesigned external COVID monitoring dashboard and the wastewater sampling dashboard. Any feedback on these dashboards is appreciated.

The redesigned external COVID monitoring dashboard is still a work in progress as we continue to work on automating the data flows needed to keep the dashboard updated. Just keep in mind this data is not currently accurate and this is a mockup of the design. We are also working on getting the quarantine data as well.

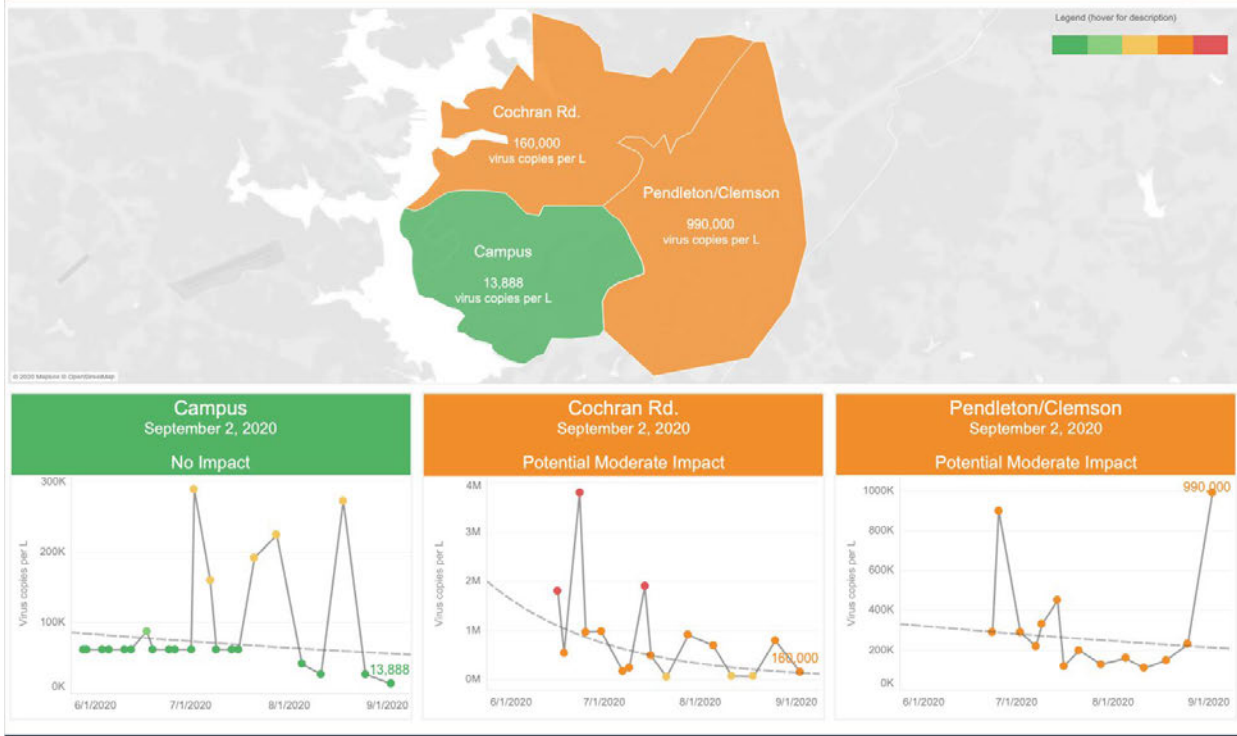
You should be able to access the dashboard here: <https://tableau.clemson.edu/#/site/EnterpriseAnalytics/views/COVID-19DashboardWIP/COVID-19TrackingWIP>



We have also worked with Dr. Freedman on the wastewater sampling dashboard: <https://tableau.clemson.edu/#/site/EnterpriseAnalytics/views/COVID-19WastewaterSampling/COVID-19WastewaterSampling>

This dashboard is currently being updated by Dr. Freedman and team, so the data is relatively automated for this dashboard. Dr. Freedman recommended using the virus copies per L as the tracking metric, and he provided the ranges and descriptions.

COVID-19 Wastewater Sampling



Please let us know what you think of these. If we need to get on a Zoom to follow up, we can accommodate your schedule.

Thanks,

Matt

MATT CHAMBERS

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Executive Director, Visual Analytics

PhD Student, Rhetorics, Communication, and Information Design

Infection Control Procedure for illnesses spread by Droplet Transmission

Purpose:

Decrease droplet transmission illness

Current Focus: COVID-19

Patients present with the following Symptoms: Cough, Fever, Shortness of Breath.

Transmission occurs when infected person coughs or sneezes droplets into the air. Droplets may land on mouth/eye/ nose or inhaled by a person within 6 ft of the infected person. Droplets may fall on surfaces. If a person touches a surface infected with droplets, then touches his or her eye/mouth/nose transmission may occur. This method is less likely to cause transmission. The infected person is considered contagious while they are symptomatic, however this may change as more research is documented. The current research indicates the incubation period (from exposure to illness) is 2-14 days. Widespread and Sustained Community Transmission currently documented in the following: China/Japan/Iran/Italy/South Korea. This information may change rapidly as new cases are identified and research is ongoing.

Disinfection/Cleaning Methods:

Clean Hands with hand sanitizer or Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water—ensure friction and use proper handwashing technique.

At this time, standard CDC recommended cleaning procedures are the same as our routine healthcare cleaning measures. This includes wiping down surfaces in patient areas and common areas of touch—Doorknobs, etc. Also, wiping down chairs in front lobby during lunch break and at the end of each day.

Management in Outpatient Clinic/Healthcare Setting:

Scheduling appointments: All patients will be required to wear a mask for in person visits on any clinic campus. If a patient does not have a mask, one will be provided. If patient calls to schedule a sick visit (cough, runny nose, fever, shortness of breath), they will be instructed to wait in their car and a provider will assess them outdoors wearing appropriate PPE.

Patients screened upon entering Lobby: See screening tool. Signage will be posted (in English and Spanish) on entry doors instructing patients that if they have any symptoms of COVID19, they should wait in their car and contact the office by phone. No sick patients should enter any clinic campuses.

Social Distancing: Well patients asked to sit outside JFSC in the Main Lobby for Edwards Hall **and** Sick patients will sit in JFSC lobby and Don face mask. All patients will be spaced 6 ft apart according to guidelines.

Isolation: If patient has made it inside the building and answers “yes” to the following parameters on the initial screening tool: travel outside US in past month + cough, fever, shortness of breath, potential exposure or exposure to a known/suspected case of Corona Virus.

IMMEDIATELY MOVE THEM TO EXAM ROOM 3

Front office intake (completed by clinical staff) and clinical visit will take place in this room. The door to room remains closed except for essential limited entrance and exit. Essential Employees entering this room will need to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): N 95 Mask/Gloves/Gown/Eye Protection. Standard Airborne and contact Precautions required.

Communicable Disease Screening

Have you been in contact with someone who was sick? ☐ Yes ☐ No/Unsure

Do you have any of the following?

☐ None of these ☐ Abdominal pain ☐ Bruising or Bleeding ☐ Cough
☐ Diarrhea ☐ Fever ☐ Joint Pain ☐ Muscle Pain ☐ Rash
☐ Red eye ☐ Sever Headache ☐ Vomiting ☐ Weakness
☐ Shortness of Breath ☐ Known or Suspected Exposure to a case of Corona Virus

Travel History

Have you traveled out of the US in the last month?

☐ Yes ☐ No/Unsure

If yes: Where: _____

Travel Start date _____ Travel end date _____

From: [Clemson University Student Affairs](#)
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Subject: COVID-19 student testing details announced
Date: September 9, 2020 6:02:55 PM

experience: Student Affairs



As part of Clemson's plan to promote a safe return to in-person instruction and on-campus activities beginning Sept. 21, the University will require all students on its main campus to receive a negative COVID-19 test result prior to returning to the classroom and campus.

Starting Sept. 11, the University will begin testing students at Littlejohn Coliseum on campus. **On Sept. 11-13, testing will be limited to on-campus students who are scheduled to move into their residences on those days. No other**

students should schedule a test during this period.

All on-campus students must make an appointment in advance to be tested on the day they are scheduled to move-in. Testing will take place from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sept. 11-13. On-campus residents will receive a communication from Clemson Home [tomorrow](#) with registration instructions.

Students living on campus also are still required to upload their results of a negative PCR (nasal or saliva) test taken within 10 days of their move-in date or a positive serological test within 40 days to begin their move-in process to the [COVID-19 Test Result Upload Tool](#).

We have received reports of a small number of students who are having difficulty securing a test result. In those cases, students can get tested on the day of their scheduled move-in, but will not be able to take occupancy of their living space until the test result is returned, which could take up to 48 hours.

Off-campus student testing to begin Sept. 14

Starting Sept. 14, testing will be available to both on-campus and off-campus students at Littlejohn Coliseum. Testing hours are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sept. 14-17, and 8 a.m. – noon on Sept. 18.

Off-campus students who have been tested in recent weeks as part of the University's voluntary surveillance testing program will need to be tested again starting Sept. 14. Registration instructions for off-campus students will be sent in a separate communication.

The University's goal is to have all students tested by the end of the day on Sept. 18. Should additional testing be required it would continue the week of Sept. 21.

Quarantine/isolation guidelines

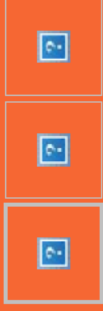
No student can return to in-person instruction or on-campus activities without a negative test result secured during this period. On-campus residents who test positive will be relocated into identified isolation spaces on or near campus for 10-14 days before being allowed to return to their residence hall space. Off-campus students will need to isolate in their residence for the same period of time.

All students who test positive must notify the Redfern student health center, which will provide clearance to return to campus once a student's isolation period has been completed. Close contacts of those who are infected may also need to be quarantined.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience as we work toward a safe return to campus activities on Sept. 21. More information on Clemson's COVID-19 response can be found [here](#).

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Link to COVID Dashboard <https://tableau.clemson.edu/#/site/InstitutionalResearch/workbooks/889/views>
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Join Zoom Meeting



Meeting ID: 

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From: [Berinthia Allison](#)
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Subject: Dashboard link
Date: August 20, 2020 12:16:47 PM

Good afternoon, sir,

Provost Jones is sharing the link to the COVID Dashboard Tableau here <https://tableau.clemson.edu/#/site/InstitutionalResearch/workbooks/889/views> in preparation for your meeting at 2:00 p.m. Please use your [REDACTED] log in information to access.

I have also included the link in the calendar for quick access.

If you need anything further, please let us know.

Thank you,
Berinthia

Berinthia Allison | CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

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<https://www.clemson.edu/provost/>

From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [James P Clements](#)
Subject: Date and site for Clemson student COVID-19 test
Date: August 21, 2020 7:35:00 AM

Mr. President,

Here is the information Mike Watt asked for:

The student can go to the NewSpring site and get tested for free. The student just needs to bring their CUID card (electronic version is fine) and insurance card (if they have it but not required). There are testing dates as soon as Monday of next week. They can register at this link:

<https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php>.

Here is more information:

Clemson University has arranged for MUSC to provide COVID-19 testing for a limited number of employees and students in the NewSpring parking lot located just west of campus at 13200 Clemson Blvd. in Seneca.

What to bring:

Government Issued ID, Proof of Insurance, and Clemson University ID

What you need to know for your visit:

- No cost*
- Please bring Government Issued ID, Proof of Insurance, Clemson University ID
- Results will be available within 5 to 7 days
- Please wear a mask

** Participants are asked to bring an insurance card if they have one. Insurance is not required, however, the CARES Act does require MUSC to bill insurance providers if individuals do have insurance.*

Results

Participants will be contacted within 5 -7 days with the results of their test, if not sooner, and results will be communicated securely and privately to Redfern and Sullivan Health Centers. Questions regarding results can be emailed to drivethruresults@musc.edu. Upon receipt of results, in order to receive clearance to visit Clemson facilities, individuals are required to submit their result through the **Test Result Upload** Tool on the University's website.

From: [Libby Kehn](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Rachel Mayo](#); [Michelle L Boettcher](#); ebaldwin@clermson.edu; [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Thompson Mefford](#); [Kristie Hodge](#); [Raquel Contreras](#); [Kimberly Poole](#); [George Smith](#); [Constancio Nakuma](#); [John D. Griffin](#)
Cc: [Berinthia Allison](#); [Lance Christopher Miller](#)
Subject: DRAFT of IFC Social Procedures, COVID Guidelines Document Attached from Chris Miller
Date: August 26, 2020 2:17:36 PM
Attachments: [IFC Social Procedures - COVID Guidelines.pdf](#)

All,

Chris has asked that I distribute the attached draft of the IFC Social Procedures – COVID Guidelines document, for your review to assist with the discussion in today's 3:00 PM meeting. **Please do not share this document, as final edits are still being made.**

Below are notes from the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff regarding this document and edits still to be finalized:

- Pages 1-2 cover COVID specific; other pages are existing social policy that has been merged with COVID guidelines.
- Event registration process is being finalized and will be updated soon (registration referenced in this document is under the old system)
- "Cease and desist language" will be modified; IFC will still restrict operation of any violating chapter, but that restriction is different than a full cease and desist; C&D will not be used in the final draft

Thanks,

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#); [John Whitcomb](#); [Brian Powell](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Thompson Mefford](#); [Mary Beth Kurz](#); [Elizabeth Baldwin](#); [Krista Oldham](#); [John D. Griffin](#); [Jeremy King](#); [Sarah Custer](#); [Katherine Yarrow Vogt](#); [Juan C Melgar](#); [Timothy Burl Brown](#); [Patrick Warren](#); [Hugo Sanabria](#); [Kelsey Wylie](#); [William H Everroad](#); [Chelsea Waugaman](#)
Cc: [Barry Johnson](#); [Neil Calkin](#)
Subject: Faculty Senate Pandemic Group Meeting with the Provost

Meeting to discuss the COVID dashboard with Provost Jones

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From: [Cynthia Y Young](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
Subject: feedback from faculty for you
Date: August 31, 2020 4:36:08 PM

Bob-

I met with my faculty senators today and there were a couple of messages I'd like to share with you so you hear their recommendations and suggestions..

1. Bob- I've mentioned this to you but since my faculty voiced it I wanted to send it again.. Faculty are so disappointed that they continue to point to experts we have internally who could help address the problems.. They are feeling that the upper admin is so focused on external consultants that they could at least communicate to the faculty as a whole which faculty you are turning to as experts and for what.. My thought was just communicating broadly which experts (besides David Freeman) are assisting.. They mentioned the power point slides that the senate has asked repeatedly about you and Jim sharing? I'm not sure what they mean other than the ones showing the models etc.. Anyway- they requested better communication of data and models beyond what they see on COVID 19 site..
2. Faculty absolutely agree and understand that they need to contribute personally to help CU through this financial crisis and are ok with a pay cut but are almost offended by having to identify furlough days and "not" work.. They stress over figuring out which days to take when.. They prefer to just reduce their pay so it's consistent over the time interval Sep 1-Dec 31.. They worked all summer for no pay and the state had no issue with that and now they are told to pick a day they won't work (when they will work it anyway).. Not sure if HR could have a tool for them where they input how many days and they take it during these pay periods (doesn't need to be calculator- could be a table lookup)
3. Faculty have planned their courses around a Sept 21 resume in person.. For those who want to move online it's not an issue when that actually happens but for those who planned everything around Sep 21 it would be very disruptive and additional stress to then say it's not Oct 1.. etc.. They have asked to either bring back or go online for the semester to ease stress..
4. Amy- this ones for you- even though we discussed TPR and tCEs.. there is not a lot of discussion openly about what we can not do that we normally do to help ease the load.. Amy Pope (Rockstar) was saying her 700 students by zoom need 3 times the attention and she has to be there for them.. They feel they are whining to say they can't do some things.. I think we should all do an exercise where we jot down 2-3 things we normally would do for Clemson this fall that we won't do because we are so focused on delivering the best learning experience for students..

That's it! Happy Monday!

Cynthia

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From: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [John Whitcomb](#); [Brian Powell](#); [Thompson Mefford](#); [Mary Beth Kurz](#); [Elizabeth Baldwin](#); [Krista Oldham](#); [John D. Griffin](#); [Jeremy King](#); [Sarah Custer](#); [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Juan C Melgar](#); [Timothy Burl Brown](#); [Patrick Warren](#); [Hugo Sanabria](#); [Kelsey Wylie](#); [William H Everroad](#); [Chelsea Waugaman](#)
Subject: Follow up prep to Tuesday meeting RE: Faculty Senate Pandemic Group Meeting with the Provost
Date: August 21, 2020 3:11:57 PM

Message from Bob:

Dear faculty senate pandemic response group and lead senators,

Thank you for finding a time in your schedules where we can all meet to talk through version 2.0 of the COVID-19 Dashboard. As mentioned in the President's message today, an improved testing dashboard is now up to provide our faculty, staff, students and community testing transparency. The dashboard from the President's message can be found [here](#). Its contents will be updated every Friday.

While this dashboard is a great temporary solution to providing transparency in reporting numbers, there is a much more detailed version in the works that includes greater detail and I'd appreciate your input on the preview version. We would like to discuss a preview of this next version and collect your suggestions and input.

I look forward to our meeting on Tuesday.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 4:10 PM

To: Provost Bob Jones; Amy Lawton-Rauh; John Whitcomb; Brian Powell; Thompson Mefford; Mary Beth Kurz; Elizabeth Baldwin; Krista Oldham; John D. Griffin; Jeremy King; Sarah Custer; Katherine Yarrow Vogl; Juan C Melgar; Timothy Burl Brown; Patrick Warren; Hugo Sanabria; Kelsey Wylie; William H Everroad; Chelsea Waugaman

Subject: Faculty Senate Pandemic Group Meeting with the Provost

When: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: <https://clemson.zoom.us/j/92330014533?pwd=TGRDWjdHR2o1ejFtUE9oa1RBc1oyUT09>

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From: [Clemson University Student Affairs](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Follow-up to today's note from President Clements
Date: August 24, 2020 6:00:21 PM

experience: Student Affairs



Colleagues,

I hope this note finds you healthy and well as the academic year is off and running. The University is moving forward with the goal of returning to in-person instruction on Sept. 21 and efforts to contain the impact of COVID-19 on our students, faculty and staff have been ongoing.

Earlier today, you should have received a communication from President Clements detailing the **implementation of furloughs from Sept. 1 through the end of**

the calendar year. I would like to echo the president's thoughts on what is certainly a difficult decision in light of everything that has taken place in 2020.

I would encourage you all to hang in there through these challenging times. Together, we will get through this. I also want to let each of you know personally how much I appreciate all of the hard work, dedication and commitment you have shown — to our students especially — during this disruption.

I am proud of the work you continue to do. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything or if the Division of Student Affairs can better support you in any way.

Sincerely,

Interim VP Miller's Signature



L. Christopher Miller

Interim Vice President and Dean of Students

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From: [Tracy Kelly](#) on behalf of [Leslie Hall Hossfeld](#)
To: cbshs_faculty_and_staff@lists.clemson.edu
Subject: Friday Feature - CBSHS involved in multiple aspects of COVID-19 outreach response, University preparation
Date: September 4, 2020 8:04:43 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)



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CBSHS involved in multiple aspects of COVID-19 outreach response, University preparation

CBSHS prioritizes the improvement of health in rural, underserved communities and the Clemson employee community. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the needs of these communities into focus. Testing for COVID-19 has become vitally important in rural areas, just as it has at Clemson University as faculty, staff and students began the Fall 2020 semester. All these reasons add up to a group of faculty and staff in the college who worked overtime this summer and have a busy academic year ahead. The fall will only be busier with outreach work in rural communities to provide COVID-19 testing, medical surveillance for employees, and a crucial role for faculty acting as COVID-19 experts. To find out what our college has done in these areas and what it will continue to do going forward, [click here](#).

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From: [David Michael Kuskowski](#)
To: [Lance Christopher Miller](#); [Jim Clements](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Mark David Land](#); [Maxwell Allen](#)
Subject: Fwd: At Home Quarantine Report & Email
Date: September 4, 2020 8:20:16 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]
[AT100001.htm](#)
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[AT100002.htm](#)

Good Morning,

Here is an update to the responses we have been receiving from students about their preferences if they were to need to isolate or quarantine. I have also included, for your reference, the email we sent to them, the survey they were asked to complete, the email open rates, and their responses including any thoughts they shared. The comments they shared in the open ended question are interesting. They seem to be a compassionate and responsible group.

Over 40% indicate a preference to quarantine at home.

David Kuskowski
Sent from iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amber Padgett <day6@clemson.edu>
Date: September 4, 2020 at 8:07:41 AM EDT
To: David Michael Kuskowski <dkuskow@clemson.edu>
Subject: At Home Quarantine Report & Email

Hey David,

Here is the updated report and the initial email that was sent.

Current form replies as of 8:00 a.m.

Total replies: 1,264

Yes – 524

No – 380

Not sure – 230

Here are the analytics for the email as of 8:00 a.m.

<i>Sent</i>	<i>Delivered</i>	<i>Opens</i>	<i>Unique Opens</i>	<i>Unique Open Rate</i>	<i>Clicks</i>	<i>Unique Clicks</i>	<i>Unique Click Rate</i>
4,887	4,873	7,092	3,244	66.4%	1,874	1,658	33.9%

Thanks,
Amber

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Lisa Knox](#)
Subject: Fwd: Following Up: Data Reporting Discussion
Date: August 19, 2020 9:50:25 PM

FYI on how to navigate to the new dashboard page from main COVID homepage.

V/r,

Katie

Begin forwarded message:

From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Date: August 19, 2020 at 9:48:50 PM EDT
To: Joe Galbraith <joegalb@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: Following Up: Data Reporting Discussion

Thank you very much. I'll share this with the provost. Have a great night.

V/r,

Katie

On Aug 19, 2020, at 9:47 PM, Joe Galbraith
<joegalb@clemson.edu> wrote:

We'll replace the current numbers on the COVID homepage with a link to this page. Markup attached.
<Image.jpeg>

Joe Galbraith
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From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:38:34 PM
To: Joe Galbraith <joegalb@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: Following Up: Data Reporting Discussion

Hello Joe,

Thank you for sharing this. Can you explain how the user will get to this page from the main COVID site?

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From: Joe Galbraith <joegalb@clemson.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:30 PM

To: Sarah Custer <sarahmc@clemson.edu>; Juan Xu
<jxu2@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>;
Logan Evans <levans5@clemson.edu>; Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>;
Tracy Arwood <tarwood@clemson.edu>; Corey Andrew Kalbaugh
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Cc: James Pepin <pepin@clemson.edu>; Jeremy King
<jking2@clemson.edu>

Subject: Re: Following Up: Data Reporting Discussion

Here is the updated placeholder page with the new language included, along with links to CDC, DHEC and the City of Clemson Wastewater (which can be removed if we don't want to link to it).

Please let me know if there is anything else we can provide.

Joe

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Angela Leidinger](#)
Subject: FW: Special Exceptions Granted for the Fall
Date: August 21, 2020 10:59:00 AM
Attachments: [Special Exceptions Granted for the Fall.docx](#)

Angie,

Here is a list of what we have done recently. We previously approved procedures for AuE graduate students to get hands on experiences with Deep Orange.

Bob

From: Berinthia Allison <balliso@clermson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clermson.edu>
Cc: Phil Landreth <lralph@clermson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clermson.edu>; Amy Lawton-Rauh <amylyr@clermson.edu>
Subject: Special Exceptions Granted for the Fall

Hi Bob,

The team helped pull this together. Let's us know if you need any more info to round this out.

Berinthia

From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: hong@musc.edu
Subject: FW: Tiger Band COVID-19 protocols
Date: August 24, 2020 10:22:00 AM
Attachments: [Tiger Band 2020 Covid.RPL.docx](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dear Gene,

Attached is our Tiger marching band practice protocol. It is based on a review from us following procedures used in research and on campus in general, plus some up to date protocols that the band director is aware of and then it was further strengthened by reviewing the protocols used by other ACC schools.

Can you please look it over and offer any advice you may have? If we have a move in to our resident halls, band members will be on campus and will start practice the week of September 14.

Thanks for your help!

Bob

Robert H. Jones
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost
Clemson University



From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Mark Spede](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Phil Landreth](#)
Subject: FW: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science
Date: August 21, 2020 3:51:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Provost request - \[REDACTED\].students.pdf](#)
[COVID-19 Infection Control Protocol - JFSC.pdf](#)
[Updated JFSC OPERATING PLAN.pdf](#)
[JFSC-Updated scheduling and reminder scripts-COVID-19.pdf](#)

Dear Mark,

I will be recommending approval of your band practice protocols to SOG Next Monday AM and I will give you the final answer right afterwards.
Thank you for putting together a good plan.

Bob

From: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>
Subject: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science

Bob,

I have reviewed all of the materials, attached, submitted by Dr. Gimbel and Dean Hossfeld relating to this request and recommend approving.

These guidelines and protocols should ensure to the highest degree the safety and supervision for our Public Health students during COVID-19.

It is particularly important that these undergraduates obtain this essential field experience as part of their degree program.

Best regards,
Phil

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Ronald W Gimbel](#); [Leslie Hall Hossfeld](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
Subject: FW: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science
Date: August 21, 2020 3:25:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Provost request - undergrad students.pdf](#)
[COVID-19 Infection Control Protocol - JFSC.pdf](#)
[Updated JFSC OPERATING PLAN.pdf](#)
[JFSC-Updated scheduling and reminder scripts-COVID-19.pdf](#)

Ron and Leslie,

Thank you for this request. I will be recommending approval to SOG Monday AM and give you the final answer that morning.

Bob

From: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>
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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Ronald W Gimbel](#); [Leslie Hall Hossfeld](#)
Cc: [Phil Landreth](#)
Subject: FW: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science
Date: August 24, 2020 8:53:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Provost request - undergrad students.pdf](#)
[COVID-19 Infection Control Protocol - JFSC.pdf](#)
[Updated JFSC OPERATING PLAN.pdf](#)
[JFSC-Updated scheduling and reminder scripts-COVID-19.pdf](#)

Ron,

Your request for 3 undergraduate students to help with the testing program and 6 undergraduate students to help with contact tracing before September 21 is approved.

Thank you for the very careful planning you have done to put COVID-19 protocols in place.

Bob

From: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>
Subject: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science

Bob,

Resending as you requested just now.

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From: [ELTeamPres](#) on behalf of [Mark David Land](#)
To: ELTEAMPRES@LISTS.CLEMSON.EDU
Subject: FW: [TEST] President's Update: Clemson on-track for return to campus instruction; all students to be tested for COVID-19
Date: September 4, 2020 3:35:45 PM

ALL: The message below is going out to the broad Clemson family at 4 p.m.
Feel free to provide a heads up to your stakeholders as necessary.

Thanks – Mark

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Mark Land | **CLEMSON UNIVERSITY**
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Let's Begin →

This is a **preview email**.

A Message From President Clements



September 4, 2020

Dear Clemson Family:

One week from today, students will begin moving back to our main campus, and we are a little more than two weeks from the start of in-person classes and on-campus activities.

We are moving ahead as planned and are excited about having our students back, even during this challenging period.

We are currently finalizing plans to test all of our students — both before the start of in-person classes on Sept. 21 and throughout the fall semester.

On-campus residents still need to arrive on campus with a negative COVID-19 test result dated within 10 days of their arrival, and we will continue aggressive testing of off-campus students over the next two weeks — and all students throughout the semester. [Details about locations and procedures for ongoing testing statewide will be shared with all students in the coming days.](#)

As we move forward, we are keenly aware that we should prepare for an increase in COVID-19 cases among our students following our return to campus instruction and activities, as we have seen at other universities in recent weeks.

Delaying the start of in-person instruction until Sept. 21 provided the University valuable time to devise the necessary testing, contact tracing, quarantine/isolation and other protocols necessary to give us a good chance of success. It also has allowed us to learn from the experiences of peer institutions.



In order to help free up appropriate quarantine space it has become necessary to relocate a small number of students from their assigned on-campus residences to other locations on campus. Relocations will not involve first-year students, and we will be reaching out individually starting today to any affected students with details. All those who are affected will be notified with their options by end of the day Monday.

Once students return to our campuses, teaching will move to a hybrid model, with approximately two-thirds of our course sections containing an in-person component and all courses also being delivered online. Emphasis will be given to the needs of first-year students who will have a greater percentage of their courses delivered in-person. Students who wish to take all their courses online this semester can sign up [here](#).

As I have said throughout the pandemic, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. We will not hesitate to adjust our mode of instruction again if the spread of the disease becomes such that it poses too great a threat to our students, employees or the community at large.

Widespread testing is a powerful tool in our effort to offer a residential educational experience, but testing alone won't ensure our success. Remaining on campus for the remainder of the semester will require strong adherence to the safety protocols that have been developed and clearly communicated.

Each and every one of us owes it to our community to act selflessly in a manner that minimizes the risk of spreading the disease. Our expectations for students in this regard have been clearly spelled out in our Student Code of Conduct, and we are prepared to address flagrant violations of social distancing, gatherings and face-covering policies.

The past six months have been extremely challenging as we have worked to maintain a robust Clemson experience for our students in a safe manner, and I am deeply grateful to all our employees for their

commitment, passion and love of this institution.

I also am appreciative of the patience that our students and their families have shown as we have worked through the thousands of details necessary to bring us all back to campus.

We will continue to communicate as we have further updates. In the meantime, I am excited to share the news that our [COVID-19 resources web site](#) has been significantly enhanced. I encourage you to visit the site for the latest information or send your questions to covidquestions@clemson.edu.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend, and I especially urge our students to continue their responsible behavior. I can't wait to see all of our students very soon.

Go Tigers!



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Subject: FYI: Saliva test being used by NBA nears FDA approval
Date: August 15, 2020 11:20:31 AM

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/lifestyle/coronavirus-spit-test-used-by-nba-nearing-fda-approval>

From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Rachel Mayo](#); [Elizabeth Baldwin](#); [Michelle L Boettcher](#)
Cc: [Lance Christopher Miller](#); [David Michael Kuskowski](#); [Constancio Nakuma](#); [John Whitcomb](#)
Subject: Help protect student health
Date: August 22, 2020 3:47:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Rachel, Betty, and Michelle;

Student Affairs and Academic Affairs are working together to help avoid having the university and surrounding community suffer the hugely negative impacts of behaviors that increase the risk of COVID infection. To be specific: gatherings with no social distancing, masks, etc. The three of you are respected leaders and have considerable insight into the behaviors of young people. Would you be willing to meet with the leadership in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to discuss options, ideas, and best practices to encourage people to adopt healthy life styles during the pandemic? I anticipate this will involve just a couple or a few meetings to get your ideas and input. There is a lot at stake, and this effort may make all the difference.

Thanks,

Bob

Robert H. Jones
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost
Clemson University



From: [David Bruce](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Anand Gramopadhye](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Bradley Putman](#)
Subject: Hybrid [REDACTED] courses taught in Fall 2020
Date: August 15, 2020 11:10:00 AM

Dear [REDACTED]

It has come to my attention that you have concerns about the number of hybrid courses (with partial in-person lectures) being taught (or not taught) in the [REDACTED] Department this coming fall. Though all of the [REDACTED] faculty would much prefer to teach classes in a traditional (in-person) format, the unique circumstances created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have made this difficult for several of our faculty and/or their courses. I have tried to address the circumstances with each of these courses below. Of the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] courses that you are scheduled to take, there are two that will be offered in a hybrid fashion, while three of the course will largely be online. Thus, your schedule would have half of your courses taught in a hybrid fashion this fall.

[REDACTED] (Hybrid course) – This course will have some online lectures and some in-person instruction in the lab. Additionally, all students will develop experimental procedures and conduct experiments in the labs in [REDACTED]. As some students have elected to take the course fully online, there may be students in your lab group that you will need to communicate with over the web. To further aid students on and off campus, we developed 3-dimensional, rotatable CAD drawings of the experiments in [REDACTED]. This will enable you and the students taking the course online to easily examine and discuss the equipment that will be used in the lab.

[REDACTED] (hybrid course) – [REDACTED] will be teaching the professor for this course in fall, and she plans to teach the course in a hybrid format in small sections (potentially in [REDACTED]). We are working to finalize the times and locations for the smaller sections, and you should hear more about this in the coming weeks. [REDACTED] recently joined the department as a Professor of Practice, with over 27 years of experience with [REDACTED], and after teaching the course with her last fall, I am excited about the content she plans to cover this fall – it should be one your most useful courses in [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] (Online course) – [REDACTED] will be teaching this course again this fall. We routinely have guest lecturers help teach this important course so that students can hear from industrial experts about the various safety topics. Due to COVID-19 concerns, all of the guest lecturers have been asked by their respective companies to restrict their travel, so they need give their presentation online. For that reason, [REDACTED] decided to make all of the lectures online to avoid any confusion.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], will both be offered online due to health concerns of the faculty member's families. [REDACTED] taught the [REDACTED] course online this summer and has developed some excellent online course materials and plans to meet online with small groups from the class on a routine basis to answer each students questions and further improve the online experience.

If this email has not addressed your concerns about your courses being taught this fall, please feel free to contact me directly so that I can work with you to get the best possible educational experience for you this fall. Hopefully, scientists and doctors will develop treatments or vaccines that will get us past this pandemic soon, and then we can all have a normal spring semester. In the interim, please STAY SAFE and let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Dr. Bruce

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From: [Clemson University Student Affairs](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Important student update as we start a new year
Date: August 19, 2020 6:32:11 PM

experience: Student Affairs



EXPECTATIONS FOR THE 2020 FALL SEMESTER

Williamson Road on Clemson University's campus



A NOTE FROM DR. MILLER

Good afternoon from the Vice President's office!

It is hard to believe today is the first day of online instruction for the Fall semester. We are thrilled to welcome you for the start of what is sure to be a unique academic year.

It remains our commitment to make this the very best experience for you under extremely challenging circumstances. Our decision to delay the start of in-person classes by four weeks was designed to give us the best possible chance of success for the Fall, and we are seeing case studies develop in real time through the reopening of peer institutions such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Michigan State University. Because of spikes in positive COVID-19 cases, both institutions made difficult decisions to revert to online instruction after opening with in-person learning.

These decisions have certainly caught our attention as University administrators. We firmly believe we have the capacity and collective desire to keep our campus healthy and safe. But as we have said from the beginning, it requires everyone in our campus community to work together and claim a stake in our success. Making good social decisions and adhering to health and safety directives are critical to mitigating an increase in community spread. We stand ready to enforce these directives as necessary to avoid similar predicaments our peer institutions are experiencing.

As your Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, my

expectation is you will take the necessary steps to ensure these unfortunate actions are not replicated here at Clemson. To that end, I want to use this space to share a few of the ways our team has been working hard to support you in this ever-changing environment.

FINDING COMMUNITY

More than 500 student organizations make up our campus community. While those experiences may look a bit different this Fall, I encourage you to actively seek out communities that may be of interest to you. The Center for Student Leadership and Engagement has created a [flipgrid of welcome videos](#) from organizations representing a wide range of communities and interest areas.

In the past, we would have already held TigerProwl, our annual student organization fair. This year's event will be held virtually from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 and Thursday, Sept. 3. Prospective members will be able to meet live with different organization representatives to learn more about them during these time slots.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Most in-person University events (planned gatherings of more than one person) are suspended until Sept. 11, the first day of new student move-in. Under our modified framework, entities or organizations affiliated with the University are strongly encouraged to shift any planned events to an online format. Any off-site event hosted by a delegated student organization must have the written approval of the University's Executive Leadership Team.

In some cases, nontraditional facilities are serving as space for academic courses, such as the Barnes Center, Hendrix Student Center meeting rooms and gym courts in the Swann Fitness Center at Fike. Availability in these traditionally reservable spaces will be diminished until further notice. In addition, occupancy figures have been adjusted to maximize physical distancing.

As a result of these guidelines, you will notice a shift in many of our traditional events. For example, the [Fall Career Fair](#) has already converted to a virtual model from Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. I encourage those of you looking for internships and post-collegiate opportunities to participate, as the fair has proven to be a great method of engagement with prospective employers.

The complete framework for activities and events will be available very soon.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

COVID-19 has challenged us in many ways. It has challenged our resolve. It has challenged us mentally and physically. Through these challenges, now more than ever, it is obvious maintaining good emotional, mental and physical health is an integral part of your journey at Clemson.

Our team of fitness instructors in Campus Recreation has created a weekly virtual

workout regimen Monday through Friday covering F45, Barre, HIIT and more. [Click here to view the entire list of opportunities](#). Changes to Campus Rec facility access and procedures are being finalized and will be shared closer to the return of in-person instruction.

Our departments continue to support students through this period of online instruction. [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is conducting sessions through videoconference or by phone during regular hours of operation. Know a student in need? Connect them with the [Office of Advocacy and Success](#), which serves as a trusted place for care and referrals to campus and community partners.

My hope is you will find general resources and reinforcement of important measures within this newsletter designed to protect us all from the spread of COVID-19. As always, you can visit Clemson.edu/Coronavirus for all the latest information. I wish you nothing but the best as you begin the 2020-21 academic year. Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Interim VP Miller's Signature



L. Christopher Miller

Interim Vice President and Dean of Students

Division of Student Affairs

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OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT TESTING

COMMUNITY PLEDGE

Like you, we are ready to resume some of the traditional elements that make up the Clemson Experience. But, we need your help. We need about 200 students a day who live off campus to take part in sample PCR testing to give us a better idea of how present COVID-19 is within our local community and ultimately allow for a return to campus operations. Free tests will be provided at NewSpring, located off of Hwy. 93, less than a mile from main campus. [Click here to learn more](#) about upcoming testing opportunities, dates and times.



Led by the efforts of leaders within student government, Clemson University established a community pledge for the 2020-21 academic year. The voluntary pledge represents a commitment to uphold the University's core values, build an inclusive community for all and adhere to health and safety directives to successfully navigate what will be a unique year. Go to mycusa.com to join these students and University leaders in the pledge. Names of those who sign will not be published.

NEWS AND NOTES

Students moving in during the Fall 2019 semester



GET INVOLVED AND CONNECTED

Are you an incoming student looking for ways to get involved? Look no further than our [Virtual engagement calendar](#) designed to help acclimate you to campus life during these

MOVE-IN DATES ANNOUNCED

Clemson Home is set to welcome students to campus housing, beginning with first-year move-in from Sept. 11-14. Appointments will be available Aug. 27 and 28 to initiate the signup

unprecedented times.

process. [Click here to learn more.](#)



WEARING FACE COVERINGS

One of the most effective ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a face covering in the areas mandated by the University. [Click here to learn more](#), including how it will be enforced by University officials.



NEW TITLE IX REGULATIONS

Clemson has implemented procedures for students in accordance with new regulations required by the U.S. Department of Education through Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. [Click here to read more.](#)

AROUND CAMPUS



WELCOME FROM THE FIRST LADY

"We are confident in all the accommodations we have made to account for physical distancing on our campus."

[View our official welcome to the 2020 Fall semester](#) from First Lady Beth Clements, recorded on the steps of the President's Home in the heart of campus.

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

One of the traditional elements of a student's academic and personal journey is Convocation. Typically held each August in Littlejohn Coliseum, [this year's event took place virtually](#) and featured several University administrators and student



leaders.



THE PRINCETON REVIEW

Clemson landed in the top spot for strong town-gown relations on [**The Princeton Review's 2021 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 386 Colleges***](#). The University earned a top-20 spot in 10 additional categories, including best career services (#2) and happiest students (#11).

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Covid-19 Scheduling and Reminder Call Script:

Pre-Scheduling:

“As a precaution for Coronavirus, we are requesting that all patients who have been out of the country in the previous 30 days before their appointment, **or** have symptoms of cough, fever, or shortness of breath, **or** have been in contact with someone with coronavirus, please wait in their cars and call the mobile health clinic on the day of their appointment. The phone number is ***-***-****. A staff member will promptly come out to your car and speak with you and you will be screened (*not tested*). If you potentially have Coronavirus, we will ask you to participate in a virtual medical visit with one of our providers. Unfortunately, we are unable to effectively accommodate potential Coronavirus cases and will provide you appropriate referral and information. If you need to reschedule your appointment for any reason or have any questions, please call the clinic ***-***-****. All patients are required to wear masks at their visit. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you.”

Appointment Reminders:

1. If have not received pre-appointment script, use pre-scheduling script
2. If have received pre-scheduling script:

“As a reminder for Coronavirus precautions, if you have been out of the country in the last 30 days, **or** have symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, **or** have been in contact with someone with Coronavirus, please wait in your car the day of your appointment and call the mobile health clinic at ***-***-****. A staff member will promptly come out to your car and speak with you and you will be screened (*not tested*). If you potentially have Coronavirus, you will be asked to reschedule due to risk of transmission. If you need to reschedule your appointment, we can do that now or call the clinic at ***-***-****. All patients are required to wear masks at their visit. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you.”

From: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Joint task force proposal, addressing impact on caregivers
Date: August 31, 2020 2:01:35 PM
Attachments: [CaregiversTaskForce_27Aug_group_Proposal_31Aug.docx](#)

Hi Bob,

Attached is the proposal for the Joint task force on supporting and addressing impact of COVID-19 on caregivers at Clemson University

It is presented in summary bullet points and comes from an effort by Sean Sather Wagstaff, Lori Dickes, Margaret Ptacek and myself following a shared reading of some materials circulated regarding the impact of the pandemic on professional balance and achievement.

Can you let me know if you support vs it needs 'more'? If it is fine then I ask Sean to read one last time and send to you. I think it would mean a lot if it is sent to you from him, and then you reply confirmation.

This work?

Amy

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Subject: Long but critical read
Date: August 29, 2020 7:54:22 AM

All,

Please read this article as it provides valuable perspective.

After sobering reflection, I can't help but drift to summer semester as not just a tentative start on something for the long run, but a potential solution to a crisis.

Bob

<https://slate.com/human-interest/2020/08/college-campus-diary-covid-19.html>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Clemson News](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: New app to help forensic teams; wastewater research to help understand COVID-19 spread; Fulbright-Hays grant awarded to University
Date: August 18, 2020 12:01:37 PM

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August 18, 2020



App created by Clemson researcher uses photos of dead bodies, roadkill to help forensic teams determine time of death

A new smartphone app developed by a Clemson researcher is designed to aid coroners and forensic teams in determining time of death by improving the understanding of body decomposition. The app allows users to enter observations, photos and other information related to geography and crime scene data when uncovering human or animal remains. After years of use, app developers hope the data collected will allow a near-instant estimate of time of death in the field. [READ MORE](#)

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Princeton Review recognizes Clemson for strong town-gown relations, career services

Clemson landed in the number one spot for strong town-gown relations on 2021 annual college guide, and earned a top-20 spot in 10 additional categories. [READ MORE](#)

Wastewater testing provides an early warning of community coronavirus levels, researcher says

A Clemson researcher is testing

coronavirus levels in wastewater on the University's main campus and in the surrounding community to provide an early warning system that shows how fast the virus is spreading. [READ MORE](#)



U.S. Department of Education awards Fulbright-Hays grant to support global learning and engagement

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Grant to two educators at Clemson University to further build global service-learning and engagement opportunities in India for students and faculty. [READ MORE](#)

Clemson researcher studying sorghum's resistance to fall armyworm

Clemson researcher part of team who hope to unlock the mystery of sorghum's natural defenses against the fall armyworm. [READ MORE](#)



FROM THE EXPERTS



DAVID FREEDMAN, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair, Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences

Coronavirus spread continues to be a concern across the country, and wastewater testing provides an early warning of community COVID-19 levels. Leading wastewater testing and research, Freedman's work is providing an early warning system to understand how fast COVID-19 is spreading in communities. Freedman can speak to the science behind wastewater testing and community virus spread. [CLICK HERE](#) to request an interview.



Digital Learning Specialist

The pandemic has led schools to continue online and virtual learning programs (e-learning), which many teachers and students are still trying to navigate despite the shift to online learning in the spring. Pelt is available to speak to media about e-learning best practices and tips for students and educators to stay engaged. In addition, Pelt can speak to the success, and current rising interest, of Clemson's four-course certificate in Online Teaching. [CLICK HERE](#) to request an interview.



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To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: New research: batteries for spacesuits, ecosystem health, prescribed fire; Erwin Center CMO Summit announced.
Date: August 31, 2020 11:05:54 AM

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NEWS



Scientists create multipurpose batteries that could make it easier to get around on Mars

Electrifying research could lead to the creation of lighter, faster-charging batteries suitable for powering a spacesuit, or even a Mars rover.

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Researchers receive \$2.5 million NSF grant to study the mechanisms of ecosystem health

Researcher Barbara Campbell and her collaborators have received a five-year, \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to identify the functional mechanisms of microbes that relate to the health of ecosystems. [READ MORE](#)



Erwin Center's fall CMO Summit is virtually adapting to the times

The Erwin Center for Brand Communications' second annual CMO Summit will take place virtually with a kick-off event on Sept. 25. Engaging brand and agency leaders, topics discussed will be related to this year's theme, "Crisis, Culture, & Community: Adapting in a World of Change." [READ MORE](#)

Chemical engineer who helped break the glass ceiling receives Murdoch Family Endowed Professorship

Rachel Getman is the first recipient of the Murdoch Family Endowed Professorship in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. The professorship comes with funding Getman said she expects to put into hiring a graduate student to help further her lab's research. [READ MORE](#)





Study: Prescribed fire doesn't hinder forests from producing clean water

A new study lends further credence to the effectiveness of prescribed fire as a forest management tool that does not adversely impact ecosystem health by increasing sediment or nutrient runoff. [READ MORE](#)

FROM THE EXPERTS



PAMELA MURRAY-TUITE, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Civil Engineering

Hurricane season brings with it the challenge of addressing each storm and the necessary safety protocols, including evacuation plans. Murray-Tuite's research on evacuation demand, congestion and traffic concerns helps state emergency managers plan. She is available to speak on evacuation planning and how COVID-19 may impact people's decisions, and tips for preparing for potential evacuations. [CLICK HERE](#) to request an interview.



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To: [Lisa Knox](#); [David Sudduth](#); [Joe Galbraith](#); [Sarah Custer](#); [Juan Xu](#); [Jeremy King](#); [Mandi Hix](#); [Mark David Land](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Next Steps for Dashboard
Date: August 20, 2020 3:46:23 PM

Good afternoon all,

Here is our plan of action for finalizing the dashboard and publishing to the website as discussed just now:

1. Mandi Hix will create the development website for the dashboard landing page based on the mock-up provided by Joe.
 - a. Users can navigate to this page via a link on the main COVID site
 - b. Requested changes to the mock-up are:
 - i. Add "public" in front of both the state and federal buttons
 - ii. Remove the wastewater link
2. Mandi will send a link to the development website to the Provost for review ***as soon as is possible today.***
3. The Provost will respond to Mandi with any feedback/approval. ***After being approved, the site will still not be published until the president's message is ready to be sent tomorrow.***
4. Will the numbers in the dashboard change today? ***Yes.*** This dashboard will be updated each Friday. This entails numbers being captured through midnight on Thursdays (tonight included). ***Juan will have the live dashboard updated no later than 10 am tomorrow with the fresh numbers.***
5. The president's message that is going out tomorrow will link to the dashboard. This message will serve as the unveiling of the dashboard. From there, further communication to targeted audiences can follow.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Agenda for Next Steps Meeting

Hello everyone,

Here are the items that I would like to cover in a few minutes at our 3 pm meeting:

- We are good to go for the dashboard, with a few minor changes to the landing page that it will reside on.
- The Provost will reach out to Mark Land to communicate that the president's message that is going out tomorrow should be ready to link to the dashboard if that is what is desired.
- Question for Juan, Jeremy, and Sarah? Do we need to load any more data in today?
- On the dashboard website:
 - Add the word "public" in front of both the state and federal buttons.
 - Remove the wastewater button.
- Send an updated mockup of the page to the provost when done. He will want to see the final version before it is published.

See you all at 3.

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Subject: NY Times: Alabama's High Stakes Experiment: Reopening Universities as Virus Looms
Date: August 19, 2020 8:20:12 AM

Alabama's High Stakes Experiment: Reopening Universities as Virus Looms

The state is betting its robust student testing and technology program will be enough to hinder campus outbreaks, even as universities in other states abruptly close.





As part of a statewide campus reopening program, the University of Alabama at Birmingham has set up 13 virus testing sites for students, even as universities outside the state have abruptly closed. Credit...Steve Wood/UAB

By [Natasha Singer](#)

Aug. 19, 2020 Updated 7:20 a.m. ET

CORONAVIRUS SCHOOLS BRIEFING: *The pandemic is upending education. Get the latest news and tips as students go back to school.*

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Gov. Kay Ivey of Alabama made a daring educational decision in June: She would fund a statewide student testing and technology program to help public universities and colleges reopen for in-person classes.

Now, as Alabama college students start those classes this week and next even as [local virus rates](#) remain high, that program — one of the nation's largest campus reopening efforts — is facing the ultimate test.

The sweeping endeavor, led by the state's public health department, along with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a leading academic medical center, focuses on testing more than 160,000 students for the virus before they arrive at 59 local colleges and universities. The students must also wear masks and follow social-distancing guidelines, and many will be required to use a daily symptom-checking app developed by U.A.B. On

Monday, the university released [a second app](#), which can alert students to possible virus exposures.

But even university leaders acknowledge the effort is a high stakes experiment that could set off new outbreaks in a state with one of the nation's [highest per capita infection rates](#).

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“We can’t remove all risk,” said [Dr. Selwyn M. Vickers, dean](#) of the U.A.B. School of Medicine, “but what we do want to do is mitigate risk in a major way.”

Some American universities [like Princeton](#), [Michigan State](#) and [the University of Southern California](#) have hastily scrapped or postponed their plans for in-person instruction. Other schools have opened for in-person instruction without conducting widespread testing before students arrived. One of them, the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#), abruptly announced on Monday that it was moving [all undergraduate instruction online](#), citing a spate of virus outbreaks.

On Tuesday, the University of Notre Dame — which had tested some 8,600 undergraduates before they returned to campus — said it was temporarily moving classes online in an effort to control a campus outbreak.



Image



Students at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa were required to have virus tests before arriving on campus. But some students are already crowding local bars, increasing the risk of campus outbreaks. Credit...Vasha Hunt/Associated Press

The public universities and colleges in Alabama, including the flagship University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, by contrast, are among the schools still forging ahead with reopening and conducting large-scale student testing to try to mitigate the risks.

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But while many other colleges are depending on third-party virus-testing and symptom-checking services, Alabama is largely relying on testing methods and technology built within the state, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Alabama is hoping its statewide experiment will help answer one of the most pressing questions about reopening colleges — and the country: Can a combination of aggressive testing, virus safety apps, mandatory mask-wearing and reduced classroom occupancy make it safe enough for on-campus learning?

As of Friday, U.A.B. said it knew of 99 students — about half a percent of its total student population of 22,000 — who had tested positive for the virus this year.

“It’s this comprehensive plan that gives us confidence,” said Dr. Ray L. Watts, the president of U.A.B. “If there is a flare-up, a small one somewhere, we can find it early and we can quarantine, treat and reduce the exposure to others.”

If the new statewide effort stumbles, however, Alabama could face scrutiny for using students as guinea pigs in an unwarranted experiment.

“I think it’s just going to be a disaster,” said Karnetris Langford, a parent in Huntsville, Ala., whose daughter is a junior at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. “I even told my daughter, ‘We’re not moving all of your stuff back, because I do not believe you all are still

going to be down there in December.”

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Karnetris Langford Jefferson County has a very high rate of infection. Why are students being forced to come back to the campus? There's no way that infection is not going to spread rapidly. There's way too many "if possible" and "when available" in the plan. I ordered masks for my daughter a couple of weeks ago and got an email that they are on back order. Although you can buy masks at other places, the university should have these things on hand. We don't even have lysol and other products to send them back with because they are so scarce. How is it safe?

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From: [ELTeamPres](#) on behalf of [Mark David Land](#)
To: ELTEAMPRES@LISTS.CLEMSON.EDU
Subject: NY Times: College Quarantine Breakdowns Leave Some at Risk
Date: September 9, 2020 10:46:01 AM

FYI –

College Quarantine Breakdowns Leave Some at Risk

Across the United States, colleges that have reopened for in-person instruction are struggling to contain the rapid-fire spread of coronavirus among tens of thousands of students by imposing tough social-distancing rules and piloting an array of new technologies, like virus tracking apps.

But perhaps their most complex problem has been what to do with students who test positive for the virus or come into contact with someone who has. To this end, many campuses are subjecting students to one of the oldest infection control measures known to civilization: quarantine.

Many public and private colleges have set aside special dormitories, or are renting off-campus apartments or hotel rooms to provide isolation beds for infected students and separate quarantine units for the possibly sick.

The general strategy has been supported by public health officials like [Dr. Anthony S. Fauci](#), the nation's top infectious-disease expert, who say it is better to separate students until they are no longer contagious rather than send them home where they might infect their family and friends.

But in practice, many undergraduates and some epidemiologists say, the policies have broken down, often in ways that may put students and college staff at risk. And that breakdown reflects the chaotic nature of this extraordinary semester, when schools are struggling to deliver both in-person and remote classes; to identify, isolate and treat coronavirus outbreaks; and to maintain safe behavior among sometimes unruly undergraduates.

At the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, with [at least 1,889 virus cases](#) since mid-August, and at the University of Notre Dame, with [about 550 cases](#), students have reported their classmates for violating quarantine and wandering outside. At Iowa State University, which has reported more than [1,200 cases](#), a student who was waiting for his Covid-19 test results said he was sent back to his regular dorm room where he could have infected his roommate.

And at many campuses, students with confirmed or possible infections have flooded social media platforms to describe filthy rooms, [meager food rations](#), lack of furniture, chaotic procedures and minimal monitoring from their universities.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Brianna Hayes developed a fever after a week at school, went to campus health services and was immediately assigned to a quarantine dorm for students with virus risks. Two days later, the university informed Ms. Hayes, a first-year student from Wilmington, N.C., that she had tested positive and would need to move again, this time to a Covid-19 isolation dorm.

But there was no university staff in the dorm to help sick students, Ms. Hayes said, and no elevator. Feverish and exhausted from the virus, she made four trips up and down staircases to move her bedding and other belongings to her isolation room. During her week in isolation, she said, no one from the university came to check on her.

“I felt like everyone was only interested in how I was affecting others, like who I came in contact with, and then I was just left to be sick,” she said.

Amy Johnson, U.N.C.’s vice chancellor for student affairs, said the school worked hard “to facilitate an easy and comfortable transition for students,” and to keep “lines of communication open.” With [more than 900 student virus cases](#) over the last month, the university switched to online instruction in mid-August, but it has permitted some students with demonstrated needs to remain on campus.

University officials say taking care of students with virus infections and exposures is logistically complex, involving dozens of employees from many departments. While sometimes acknowledging shortcomings in their programs, some schools also contend they are effectively sequestering students with possible infections and hampering the spread of the virus.

A number of universities said they were working to improve their outbreak responses. The University of Alabama said it had recently posted university police officers at its quarantine dorms while Notre Dame said it had [hired security guards](#) to monitor students in quarantine in hotels and off-campus apartments.

To try to stop the virus from spreading, other schools are moving students with infections to isolation units and then quarantining everyone remaining in their dorm. Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., recently [put 23 fraternities, sororities](#) and other student housing under complete or partial quarantine. Last week, Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania [quarantined all students](#), requiring them to remain in their rooms, and is now sending most of them home to do online instruction — except for first-year students, who will remain on campus, each with a single dorm room.

Some public health experts say the spotty oversight of quarantine dorms raises questions about whether universities have made more fundamental changes that might have helped them limit outbreaks in the first place — changes like significantly reducing dorm occupancy and repeatedly testing all students for the virus.

“Universities shouldn’t be bringing students back if they don’t have a reasonable and feasible plan in place to keep the infection from spreading on campus,” [Carl Bergstrom, a biology professor](#) at the University of Washington, said. “Without a plan like that, they’re in a really bad position and you’re trying to mitigate the harm that you’ve caused.”

Epidemiologists warned that outbreak control measures at certain schools could have unintended consequences — potentially increasing virus transmission on campuses, in college towns and students’ homes.

“The big picture here is that universities are providing opportunities for virus transmission

on campus and, especially, off campus,” said [Sarah Cobey, an epidemiologist](#) at the University of Chicago who develops predictive virus models for the state of Illinois. “Universities are not taking responsibility for the risks they are creating.”

A student at North Carolina State University, which recently switched to online instruction after a [spate of virus clusters](#), said he packed up and went home — learning only several days later that he had developed Covid-19. At Tulane University, several students with possible virus symptoms or exposures said the school had transferred them to a dorm with quarantine and isolation units where they shared suites and bathrooms — housing conditions that they worried could foster infections.

One of those Tulane students, Elena Markowitz, a sophomore, said she moved into an isolation unit after she developed symptoms and was awaiting the results of a virus test. There, Ms. Markowitz explained in a TikTok video, she discovered that her suitemate, with whom she shared a bathroom, had tested positive for Covid-19. Ms. Markowitz subsequently received negative test results.

“I realized they could have exposed me to more than one person with the virus,” Ms. Markowitz said in an interview.

Scott Tims, [Tulane’s assistant vice president](#) for campus health, said that the school had placed together only those students with similar virus exposures and that it had stationed nurses around the clock at the isolation dorm.

“They’re doing rounds every few hours, they check symptoms twice a day, they’re also doing room checks to make sure that students are there,” he said of the nurses. “We really want to make sure that the student is safe.”

At the University of Alabama, which is contending with one of the nation’s largest campus outbreaks, several students in the Highlands, a campus apartment complex with quarantine and isolation units, said that the school had not stationed nurses on site and that they had observed classmates flouting quarantine.

School Reopenings ›

Back to School

Updated Sept. 8, 2020

The latest on how schools are reopening amid the pandemic.

The first day of school was a rocky one in many places, as districts that started classes online dealt with [technical glitches, crashing websites and cyberattacks](#).

It’s not easy to get a coronavirus test for a child. As schools reopen, [many parents still can’t find one nearby](#), impeding the fight against the pandemic.

Life in a quarantine dorm: Colleges are trying to [isolate students who have been exposed to the virus](#), but they are running into a host of problems.

Penn State football defines fall in State College, Pa. [What is the town without it?](#)

Sarah Ortbal, a sophomore who lives in another wing of the Highlands, [said she did not feel safe](#) there after speaking with an infected student strolling outside the dorm and learning that quarantined students were allowed to use the communal laundry facilities.

She said she requested alternate campus housing only to be told by the university that if she felt unsafe she could cancel her housing contract and move off campus — a change she could not afford.

“I’m on a housing scholarship,” Ms. Ortbal said. “So it’s either live here for free or pay several thousand dollars to live off campus.”

Monica Watts, a spokeswoman for the University of Alabama, said the school was “constantly enhancing” support for students in isolation and quarantine housing. The school provided case managers, meal and pharmacy delivery, security and the personal cellphone number of a staff member for students to contact.

Ms. Watts added that the school was working to accommodate students’ relocation requests.

Another Alabama sophomore, Zoie Terry, from Birmingham, applauded the university for jumping into action after she tested positive for the virus, quickly sending her to isolate in the Highlands. Once she relocated, however, she said she felt anxious with no nurses or other staff coming by to check in on her. Students in isolation at other schools described similar experiences.

“One thing that needs to be taken care of more is the mental health aspect of it all because it is very, very scary having coronavirus,” Ms. Terry said of her isolation experience. “We’re college students. We just moved away from our homes and it’s very stressful.”

Tufts University near Boston, which started classes on Tuesday, is hoping to better manage virus risks than some of its peers. It has significantly reduced dorm occupancy and is testing all students for the virus twice a week. It has also installed modular residential units on tennis courts and a parking lot for up to 225 students with infections, rather than house them in a dorm.

Dr. Anthony P. Monaco, the [president of Tufts](#), said the school decided against using the dorms partly because it did not want too many students sharing bathrooms and partly because the dorms lacked elevators, which might be needed in an emergency to transfer a sick student to a hospital.

“When we looked at our dorms, I was concerned as well as our medical staff,” Dr. Monaco said. “It just was much easier to order the temporary modular units.”

Many students applaud their universities’ efforts to contain the virus, saying they desperately want the schools to succeed so they can remain on campus. But they want their schools to step up their efforts.

Jack Hennen, 18, a first-year student at Iowa State University, said he asked the school for a virus test last month after a classmate developed Covid-19. After the test, he was sent back to his dorm room that he shares with a friend from home. When his test results were not ready the next day, Mr. Hennen grew concerned that he might infect his roommate and asked to move to a quarantine dorm.

But the day after Mr. Hennen moved into quarantine, the university informed him he had tested positive and transferred him to an isolation dorm. There, he worried that the school had overlooked his roommate, who was left in their dorm room even after Mr. Hennen tested positive.

“They are doing a good job for people who want to take initiative and don’t want to spread the virus,” Mr. Hennen said. “But I think they are letting too much stuff fly under the radar.”

From: [ELTeamPres](#) on behalf of [Mark David Land](#)
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Subject: NYT: As Colleges Move Classes Online, Families Rebel Against the Cost
Date: August 15, 2020 10:20:31 AM

As Colleges Move Classes Online, Families Rebel Against the Cost

Schools face rising demands for tuition rebates, increased aid and leaves of absence as students ask if college is becoming “glorified Skype.”



The empty campus of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. The school is among a host of colleges that plan to hold all or most of their classes online this fall. Sanjay Suchak for The New York Times



By [Shawn Hubler](#)

Aug. 15, 2020 Updated 8:58 a.m. ET

After Southern California’s soaring coronavirus caseload forced Chapman University this month to abruptly abandon plans to reopen its campus and shift to an autumn of all-remote instruction, the school promised that students would still get a “robust Chapman experience.”

“What about a robust refund?” retorted Christopher Moore, a spring graduate, on Facebook.

A parent chimed in. “We are paying a lot of money for tuition, and our students are

not getting what we paid for,” wrote Shannon Carducci, whose youngest child, Ally, is a sophomore at Chapman, in Orange County, where the cost of attendance averages \$65,000 a year. Back when they believed Ally would be attending classes in person, her parents leased her a \$1,200-a-month apartment. Now, Ms. Carducci said, she plans to ask for a tuition discount.

A rebellion against the high cost of a bachelor’s degree, already brewing around the nation before the coronavirus, has gathered fresh momentum as campuses have strained to operate in the pandemic. Incensed at paying face-to-face prices for education that is increasingly online, students and their parents are demanding tuition rebates, increased financial aid, reduced fees and leaves of absences to compensate for what they feel will be a diminished college experience.

At Rutgers University, more than 30,000 people have signed a [petition](#) started in July calling for an elimination of fees and a 20 percent tuition cut. More than 40,000 have signed a [plea](#) for the University of North Carolina system to house students in the event of another Covid-19-related campus shutdown. The California State University system’s [early decision](#) to go online-only this fall has incited calls for price cuts at campuses from [Fullerton](#) to [San Jose](#).

At Ithaca College — student population, 5,500 — the financial services team reports

Mark Land
Vice President - University Relations
Clemson University

From: [Libby Kehn](#)
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Cc: [Lance Christopher Miller](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Theresa M Singletary](#); [Mallory Marie Douglass](#)
Subject: Possibility of Briefing of CUSG Senate on Monday, Sept. 7 at 7 PM
Date: September 3, 2020 4:27:38 PM

Provost Jones, Chief, Sarah, Robert & David,

Chris Miller asked me to reach out to see if you would be open to attending the CUSG Senate meeting via Zoom on Monday, Sept. 7 at 7:00 PM to participate in a briefing for the Senators regarding the University's COVID decision-making process and expert information.

The tentative draft agenda, if everyone is available, would look something like this:

7:00 PM – Hunter Bond (Senate President) Opens Meeting & Introduces Chris Miller
7:01 PM – Chris Miller Introduces Staff Members & Turns Over to Chief & Sarah
7:02-7:07 PM – Chief Mullen and/or Sarah Custer Discuss EOC & Process & Turn Over to Provost Jones
7:08-7:13 PM – Provost Jones Discusses Decision-Making Process & Turns Over to Chris Miller
7:14 – Chris Miller Opens Up for Questions from the Senators for All Five Staff Members
7:15-Approximately 7:45 PM – (Zoom) Floor is Open for Q&A

We understand this is short notice, and also Labor Day, which, while not a University holiday, may be a planned day off for some of you.

Please let us know your availability, as well as if you have any questions, thoughts, suggestions, etc.

Thanks,

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August 6, 2020

From: Chair, Public Health Sciences

To: Provost

Via: Dean, College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences

Subj: Undergraduate students involved in internships and/or part-time employment in COVID-19 specimen collection, contact tracing, and follow-up

1. **Background:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created learning experiences for Clemson student and opportunities for health science undergraduates to be engaged in public health activities firsthand. Opportunities that could shape future career choices and influence which health professions program they pursue after Clemson. It is noteworthy that approximately 80% of the about 500 BS Health Science students pursue the preprofessional concentration. Several undergraduate students, both health science and nursing have been working in COVID-19 space this summer based on their acquired skills/certification as an emergency medical technician, certified nursing assistant, etc. One of these students is already hired as a part-time employee in COVID-19 screening and two more are ready for hire (depending on your decisions here).
2. **Request:** I am writing to request approval to:
 - a. Include opportunities for properly trained undergraduate students in COVID-19 related screening via formal internships and/or part-time employment. Some positions will be aligned with contact tracing and follow-up (under guidance of Will May, FNP)- with no exposure to the virus - while others will involve participation in COVID-19 testing itself (see description below).
 - b. For waiver consideration to involve (and in some cases continue involving) undergraduate students in COVID-19 testing and contact tracing at the beginning of the semester not when students are scheduled to arrive in September.
3. **For students participating in COVID-19 testing (within the testing environment):**

The Joseph F. Sullivan Center (JFSC) is currently partnering with MUSC to offer COVID19 screening sites across the Upstate and Midlands in rural communities as well as supporting Clemson Back to Work Screening. The scope of work requires several things: knowledge of clinical processes and procedures, including donning and doffing personal protective equipment (PPE), nasopharyngeal (NP) swabbing, lab requisitioning, and ability to work in atypical environments (outdoors in the elements). These teams are comprised of personnel with previous clinical experience, including but not limited to: paramedics, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), nurses, licensed professional nurses (LPNs), certified nursing assistants (CNAs), and phlebotomists.

Currently, the JFSC is still seeking additional part-time team members with the aforementioned skillset. Selected students will complete JFSC required training including blood borne pathogens, PPE, NP swab competency check off, and HIPAA. Once training is complete, these employees will attend a COVID screening for hands on orientation by our Site Team Leaders before being assigned to a team.

Three Clemson undergraduate students have applied for part-time team member positions within the screening environment:

- [REDACTED]) was hired during the summer, completed all training, and is currently a part-time member of a screening team.
- [REDACTED]). Application for part-time hire pending on this approval request.
- [REDACTED]). Application for part-time hire pending on this approval request.

4. For students who will support contact tracing and follow-up (not in testing environment):

The JFSC is also supporting the Clemson Back-to-Work Screening initiative. Our Medical Surveillance Program (MSP) staff are responsible for contact tracing of employees who test positive for COVID19. Three health science students have completed the Johns Hopkins Contact Tracing Course and would like to support our MSP team to assist with contact tracing for the university to meet their Health Science Internship requirements. They don't have exposure to the direct COVID-19 testing environment. The full scope of their responsibilities has been assessed by the health science internship coordinator and me and determined to be acceptable for the internship experience.

5. Need to bring on students at start of semester:

We respectfully request these six students (those within testing environment and those engaged in contact tracing and follow-up) be allowed back on campus upon the semester start date. These students are aware they must undergo COVID19 screening within 5 days of their projected start date before they would be allowed on campus.

6. Points of contact/supervisors:

Caitlin Moore, FNP – JFSC Director of Outreach and Wellness (coordinates student clinical experiences).

Will Mayo, FNP – JFSC Director for the Medical Surveillance Program (coordinating the JFSC response to Clemson Back-to-Work contact tracing and follow-up).

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ron Gimbel', written in a cursive style.

Ron Gimbel, PhD

From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Carla F Bennett](#); [Chelsea Waugaman](#); [Constancio Nakuma](#); [Phil Landreth](#); [David Michael Kuskowski](#); [John D. Griffin](#); [David S. Fleming](#); [Shontavia Johnson](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Questions on COVID
Date: August 17, 2020 1:48:22 PM

Good afternoon everyone,

What are your thoughts on adding this tidbit of information in our daily communication from Academic Affairs?

For the most up-to-date information regarding Clemson University's response to COVID-19, please visit clemson.edu/coronavirus. You can also contact the University Call Center (general inquiries) at

864-365-0555 or covidquestions@clemson.edu to speak with a call expert for COVID-19 related questions.

Sincerley,

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From: Tara M. Romanella <tromane@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: Call experts line

Yes, ma'am!

Tara Romanella

Strategic Communications Director, External Relations & Academic Communications

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On Aug 17, 2020, at 1:03 PM, Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu> wrote:

Thank you. And the email for questions is covidquestions@clemson.edu, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Tara M. Romanella <tromane@clemson.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:03 PM

To: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>

Subject: Call experts line

Here you go!

University Call Center (general inquiries)
864-365-0555

From: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
To: [Berinthia Allison](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Chelsea Waugaman](#)
Subject: Remarks from chairs retreat, OK to include in summary notes post?
Date: August 21, 2020 11:50:31 AM

Bob: Chelsea assembled these notes from the chairs retreat. Are you OK with these being posted?

Berinthia likely asked about the recording, but just to keep the info all together: are you OK with your recording from the retreat being posted?

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Remarks from Provost – Bob Jones

1:59:50 – 3:02:11

- Emphasized the impactful importance of academic chair leadership during this time to support the mission and success of Clemson University and address this unprecedented time in Clemson's operations
- four overarching issues facing Clemson:
 - Future Planning:
 - The institution is reviewing goals and targets with ClemsonFORWARD and has been moving away from a deep focus on US New & World Report rankings to other measures and goals
 - A committee is developing a working proposal to refresh the university's strategic plan while rededicating efforts to the institution's land grant mission
 - Inclusive Excellence:
 - President Clements tasked Provost Jones and Chief Diversity Officer Lee Gill to develop action items to develop a Council of Inclusive Excellence to organize action items and develop taskforces to accomplish diversity goals
 - Regarding COVID-19, the institution needs leadership to manage all activities related to testing and data management
 - COVID-19 and Education Operations:
 - Testing is a priority, aided with the extra time due to the university's delayed in-person opening
 - All students are required to receive a negative COVID test prior to moving to campus, and in some instances that may be impossible for students
 - We have nearly 15,000 students living off-campus, and the institution will introduce rigorous, scientific sampling to determine the trends of the virus
 - A dashboard will be available soon with the results of testing
 - Budgetary Issues:
 - There are many unknowns this fall and spring moving forward with budget planning, housing and dining, course offerings, state budget cuts, athletic operations
 - Budget planning will be conservative, assuming a \$70-130 million revenue shortfall, which will likely be largely a one-time shortfall this academic year
 - The Finance division is creating a report soon of revenues reductions and potential efforts to accommodate budget issues include hiring freezes, freezing travel, expenditure reductions, furloughs, operating fund budgetary reductions, layoffs
 - Deans will be communicating with department chairs to determine college-specific budgetary approaches

Course Modalities and Centralization of Classroom Assignment/Modality Decision-making:

- A communication has been distributed to colleges about the allocation of hybrid/online classes
- The provost message to the department chairs is that Clemson stands firm in its belief that if faculty have consternation about teaching a blended course and want to go fully online, they need to discuss it with their chair and attempt to offer the course as advertised to students through possible additional support and creativity from their chair
- In cases where changes need to be made for faculty conditions, chairs should use all options available but provost will stand by chairs for any temporary decisions to convert courses to online offerings

Provost Jones responded to questions

- What if students refuse to be tested when randomly sampled?
 - As of this date (August 12), 1200 students will be asked to participate in the first wave of testing
 - The researchers need 600 for a strong statistical sample, and from that test we need that population's infection rate
 - South Carolina's numbers are trending in a positive direction, but those numbers could change quickly at any point
 - By September 21 there will be a strategy that requires all members of the Clemson community to have a negative test before they have access to classrooms.
- Suggestion to have a statement in the syllabus about the right to change class formats as needed throughout the year
 - Response: there must be truth in advertising to students when students register for specific types of classes
 - Overall, the provost trusts the department chair to make the best decision for faculty and students.
 - More specific language may be added to the Instructional Playbook or through the AcademicAffairs daily emails with suggested description for helping students be aware that unforeseen circumstances may necessitate a change in modality. The point is to make sure that any such changes are proposed and discussed with the department chair in consultation with the associate dean and not just a change straight from the instructor for the entire semester.

Amy Lawton-Rauh, PhD

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From: [Saara J DeWalt](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Cynthia Y Young](#); [Phil Landreth](#); [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: Requesting UTAs for BIOL 3150/1 Functional Human Anatomy
Date: September 3, 2020 7:00:38 AM
Attachments: [BioSci-McNutt-Scott-request-for-UTAs-2020-9-3.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

Dear Provost Jones,

Thank you for approving UTAs for BIOL 2220/1 Human Anatomy and Physiology I. I have passed the information along to Professor Cummings. He was very happy to be able to let the students know they could come help teach, if they want to do so, after getting a negative COVID-19 test result. We are having students show their “cleared” status to the lab coordinator by showing a screenshot of <https://cvd19-clearance-status.app.clemson.edu/> or by showing evidence of a negative result within the past 5 days.

Please find attached a similar petition by Dr. Tammy McNutt Scott, a Senior Lecturer in Biological Sciences, to allow UTAs to help out in the teaching lab for Functional Human Anatomy (BIOL 3150/1). This 4-credit course with an embedded lab has an enrollment of 296 students this semester, and there are 13 sections of lab each with 19-24 students. This course is listed as synchronous online. Dr. McNutt Scott is creating an engaging lab this semester by having each GTA/GTA-equivalent teaching the labs synchronously from the teaching lab room. She is requesting that UTAs enrolled in our service learning course BIOL 4950, who want to come to the teaching lab, help teach from the teaching lab room for the reasons outlined in the attachment. They are deemed essential for the success of this lab. All TAs have all been informed that to do so is voluntary.

Best,
Saara

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Leslie Hall Hossfeld](#); [Phil Landreth](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
Subject: RE: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now
Date: August 30, 2020 1:45:00 PM

Thank you Leslie, and many thanks to PHS and SON for their steadfast support of Clemson during these very difficult times.

Since these volunteers are not to be exposed to the front-line (patient contact) screening, all I need is written assurance that the supervisors commit to monitoring and enforcing COVID-19 protocols for normal (office work) activities on campus (i.e., social distancing, face coverings, frequent hand washing) and Phil's agreement that this is sufficient.

With written (email) assurance and a nod from Phil in hand I will notify SOG as our last step before implementing.

Bob

From: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <lhossfe@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: FW: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Dear Provost Jones,
Please find below and attached an additional request from PHS for UG student waiver to work with screeners and contact tracers, as approved earlier.
Let us know if you have any questions.
Many thanks for considering,
Leslie

From: Ronald W Gimbel <rgimbel@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <lhossfe@clemson.edu>
Subject: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Hi Leslie,

The JFSC (collaborating with Redfern Student Health Clinic) is sending you (attached) which is a request to recruit 6-8 students for volunteer student experiences to support the overall back to school initiative. This is above the 3 screeners and 6 contact tracers approved previously.

Student volunteer duties (after training) will include:

- 1) verification of uploaded COVID-19 test results (someone has to manually review all that is uploaded; need to be legitimate COVID-19 tests),
- 2) providing call support for employees, contract workers, and students who have difficulties with the CU Upload, CU Contact Trace, and Verification tools off the Clemson App, and
- 3) providing backup contact investigation and contact tracing support (as needed) to support the 6 approved recently.

The will complete their volunteer work in the JFSC, but will not be directly exposed to COVID-19 screening.

Please review and forward to Provost. Feel free to contact me with questions...

Thanks very much.

Ron

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Leslie Hall Hossfeld](#); [Phil Landreth](#)
Subject: RE: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now
Date: August 31, 2020 6:45:21 PM

Good evening Dean Hossfeld,

Can you please help us to ensure that these students sign up to get a COVID test and receive a negative result before coming to campus? Here is the registration link to sign up for testing at NewSpring: <https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php>.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 6:41 PM
To: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <lhossfe@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Leslie,

SOG is buried in major decisions now. Therefore, I am going ahead and authorizing this request. It is well-thought out, the students will be protected, and their presence is essential.

Respectfully,

Bob

From: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <lhossfe@clemson.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Thanks Bob.

Leslie

From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <hossfe@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

All,

I found the original email request and now I believe we have all we need to complete this approval except for my notification of SOG, which I will do tomorrow.

Bob

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To: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <hossfe@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <LRALPH@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Thank you Leslie, and many thanks to PHS and SON for their steadfast support of Clemson during these very difficult times.

Since these volunteers are not to be exposed to the front-line (patient contact) screening, all I need is written assurance that the supervisors commit to monitoring and enforcing COVID-19 protocols for normal (office work) activities on campus (i.e., social distancing, face coverings, frequent hand washing) and Phil's agreement that this is sufficient.

With written (email) assurance and a nod from Phil in hand I will notify SOG as our last step before implementing.

Bob

From: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <hossfe@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: FW: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Dear Provost Jones,
Please find below and attached an additional request from PHS for UG student waiver to work with

screeners and contact tracers, as approved earlier.
Let us know if you have any questions.
Many thanks for considering,
Leslie

From: Ronald W Gimbel <rgimbel@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Leslie Hall Hossfeld <lhossfe@clemson.edu>
Subject: A NEW request to Provost for involving undergraduate students in JFSC now

Hi Leslie,

The JFSC (collaborating with Redfern Student Health Clinic) is sending you (attached) which is a request to recruit 6-8 students for volunteer student experiences to support the overall back to school initiative. This is above the 3 screeners and 6 contact tracers approved previously.

Student volunteer duties (after training) will include:

- 1) verification of uploaded COVID-19 test results (someone has to manually review all that is uploaded; need to be legitimate COVID-19 tests),
- 2) providing call support for employees, contract workers, and students who have difficulties with the CU Upload, CU Contact Trace, and Verification tools off the Clemson App, and
- 3) providing backup contact investigation and contact tracing support (as needed) to support the 6 approved recently.

The will complete their volunteer work in the JFSC, but will not be directly exposed to COVID-19 screening.

Please review and forward to Provost. Feel free to contact me with questions...

Thanks very much.
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From: provost@clemson.edu
To: [Tanju Karanfil](#)
Cc: [Patrick Warren](#)
Subject: Re: Approval of undergraduate student access to labs for research courses
Date: September 2, 2020 2:51:05 PM

This is correct. The Provost office is handling exceptions to teaching (non research, non-CI), requests until September 21. If we go to in person teaching September 21, all regular teaching Activities can include in-person components so long as university Covid protocols are used.

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I hope, this help. Feel free to reach me or Bob if you have any questions.

Regards,

--Tanju

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From: Patrick Warren <patrick.lee.warren@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Tanju Karanfil <tkaranf@clemson.edu>; Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Approval of undergraduate student access to labs for research courses

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From: [Sarah Custer](#)
To: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
Cc: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: RE: Assistance for the Provost
Date: September 2, 2020 6:13:18 PM

Katie,

I can help. I have a question in red below on # 1 to make sure I'm giving the accurate information.

I can spend sometime walking him through the new more complex dashboard, as discussed on the call with the Academic COVID team last week. I just received a first draft of it a few hours ago. It's still a bit off as that's slated to be once we have automation in place & some other priorities are ahead of it for CCIT. Players include ERM, myself, and CCIT.

Thanks,
Sarah

Sarah M. Custer

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From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:58 PM
To: Sarah Custer <sarahmc@clermson.edu>
Cc: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clermson.edu>; Berinthia Allison <balliso@clermson.edu>
Subject: Assistance for the Provost

Good evening Sarah,

The Provost is needing to get ready with some data for some very critical, timely meetings. Would you be able to help us get this information or point us to someone who can?

1. The Provost is needing the trend data for our asymptomatic testing #s at the NewSpring testing location. Could you tell me where I can get the numbers, from when we started testing and tracking at NewSpring? For instance, how many tested, how many tested positive/negative, etc.? He is interested in the NewSpring data and not Redfern, Sullivan, athletics, or those uploading results from their own providers. **Do you need the data from since we started, weekly, just the last week or days, or something else?**
2. Can someone spend 15 or so minutes walking him through what the new, more complex dashboard will look like? Who are the players that are working on this?
 - a.

Thank you for your help with this.

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
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Cc: [Heather Miller](#); [Tara M. Romanella](#); [Lee Williams Currington](#); [Ale Sabio Kennedy](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: RE: Call Center: Your Messages
Date: August 28, 2020 4:32:01 PM

David,

All employees should be cleared for access unless we've receive a positive COVID result. The provost will address this at the CCIT call again at 5 today. Also, we are in the process of drafting a communication that we will be sending out on this to explain.

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From: David Sudduth <dsuddut@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Abbie Abbott <abbotta@clemson.edu>
Cc: Heather Miller <hmille4@clemson.edu>; Tara M. Romanella <tromane@clemson.edu>; Lee Williams Currington <lcurren@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Ale Sabio Kennedy <alekenn@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: Call Center: Your Messages

I will clarify once again...but the Provost was very clear yesterday that all employees should be cleared for campus immediately, regardless of their current upload or testing status.

Katie - has that changed? We need to provide some clear direction to our employees and HR as well. Thanks!

J. David Sudduth, MBA, FHFMA
Executive Director, Healthy Me-Healthy SC

dsuddut@clemson.edu

(Cell)

On Aug 28, 2020, at 10:44 AM, Abbie Abbott <abbotta@clemson.edu> wrote:

Has that been an official decision?

Greetings Tigers -

We hope you and your family are doing well, and we remain excited to have you join us on campus in the near future!

We appreciate your patience as we've navigated the ever-changing landscape with new timeframes and schedules for September move-in. Based on our original planning and communication, you may have been planning to select your move-in appointment next Monday. We continue to adapt our logistics to accommodate the complications created by conducting move-in during the ongoing academic class schedule.

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Your Clemson Home looks forward to welcoming you to your on-campus space next month!

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Clemson New Parents - Concerns
Date: August 17, 2020 4:54:00 PM

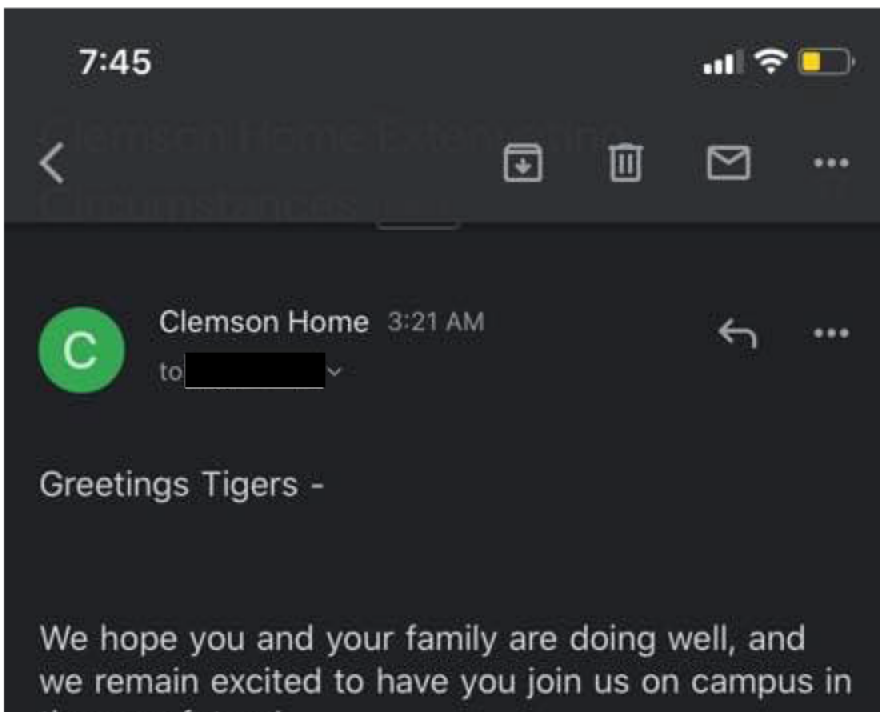
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 10:48 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Angela Nixon <anixon@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: Clemson New Parents - Concerns

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Clemson return to campus
Date: August 22, 2020 4:42:00 PM

Dear [REDACTED],

Sorry to take a bit to respond to you on this. We absolutely agree with you about the importance of getting students on campus. Presently, we are very focused on starting in-person classes September 21 (move-in the week before), despite some difficulties seen at other universities. The covid-19 infections rates are going in a good direction for us. We are focusing now on helping help students engage in safe activities, and to avoid the dangerous ones where people gather in large groups in close quarters without masks. All that you can do to support us on that will be most appreciated!

Sincerely,

Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:31 AM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Clemson return to campus

Dear Dr. Jones:

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Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Re: Communication Regarding Return to Campus
Date: August 18, 2020 8:19:56 PM

Dear Provost Bob,

[REDACTED]

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On Sun, Aug 16, 2020 at 3:41 PM Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

I very much appreciate your honest and heartfelt note. We completely understand the pressures you are feeling. Because of the challenges you, our faculty, and our staff are facing, we will be not only very focused on opening in residence halls and the classrooms in mid-September, but also aiming to make the final decision and announcements before the drop date.

We look forward to seeing you. And I strongly believe that you will be grateful for your choice to attend Clemson.

Sincerely,

Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Jim Clements <president@clemson.edu>; Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Tony Wagner <wagnera@clemson.edu>

Subject: Communication Regarding Return to Campus

Dear President Clements, Provost Jones, and Vice President Wagner

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From: [John D. Griffin](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [David Michael Kuskowski](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#); [John D. Griffin](#)
Subject: RE: COVID [REDACTED]
Date: September 4, 2020 12:08:02 PM

[REDACTED],

My apologies for taking so long to respond.

I am very sorry to hear about [REDACTED] and hope that she begins feeling better soon. Please let her know our team at Redfern is there for her if she needs anything. She can find their contact information and other resources in the my.clemson app or on the Universities COVID-19 resource page which is linked to the main Clemson website (Clemson.edu)

I realize how she must be struggling to keep up and I would suggest she let her instructors know if she has not done that already. I have worked with several of her instructors [REDACTED] and know they will do all they can to support her and help her keep moving forward. As an [REDACTED] major, she her advisor [REDACTED] can help her think about her classes and the possibility of dropping a courses, the process and implications.

While the deadline with withdraw without a W has past, the last day to withdraw from a course without a final grade is October 23rd. Believe me when I say that a W on a transcript will not be seen as a bad thing, especially during this time.

If she does look to withdraw from some courses, please make sure she talks with financial aid about financial implications. They can talk with her about any potential effects on scholarships or other forms of aid, etc.

In the meantime, please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you or her as she works through this difficult time. We are all here to support her success. She can call me directly if she has questions as well!

John

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:18 PM
To: John D. Griffin <docg@clemson.edu>; Rhonda Todd <rtodd@clemson.edu>
Subject: COVID- [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Lisa Knox](#)
Cc: [Logan Evans](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Tony Wagner](#); [Juan Xu](#); [Sarah Custer](#)
Subject: RE: EMC Agenda - August 20, 2020
Date: August 21, 2020 6:38:43 AM

Good morning sir,

Here is the link to the dashboard as it currently exists on the dev site:
<https://wwwdev.clemson.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.html>. Once we are ready for this to go live, Jon Harp (University Relations) can publish it. At this moment, Juan is refreshing the data with the new numbers that came in through midnight last night. The hope is to have this done before the 8:30 meeting.

Sincerley,

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From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 5:44 AM
To: Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>
Cc: Logan Evans <levans5@clemson.edu>; Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>; Tony Wagner <wagnera@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: EMC Agenda - August 20, 2020

Thanks! Katie, please send link to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 20, 2020, at 10:04 PM, Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu> wrote:

I would ask them to sign up as a volunteer at our NewSpring site, they can get tested as early as Monday. MUSC will be here Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. Do they need something sooner?
Katie, can you provide the link for them to sign up?
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Cc: [Logan Evans](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Tony Wagner](#)
Subject: RE: EMC Agenda - August 20, 2020
Date: August 20, 2020 10:05:39 PM

Good evening sir,

The student can go to the NewSpring site and get tested for free. The student just needs to bring their CUID card (electronic version is fine) and insurance card (if they have it but not required). There are testing dates as soon as Monday of next week. They can register at this link:

<https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php>.

Here is more information:

Clemson University has arranged for MUSC to provide COVID-19 testing for a limited number of employees and students in the NewSpring parking lot located just west of campus at 13200 Clemson Blvd. in Seneca.

What to bring:

Government Issued ID, Proof of Insurance, and Clemson University ID

What you need to know for your visit:

- No cost*
- Please bring Government Issued ID, Proof of Insurance, Clemson University ID
- Results will be available within 5 to 7 days
- Please wear a mask

** Participants are asked to bring an insurance card if they have one. Insurance is not required, however, the CARES Act does require MUSC to bill insurance providers if individuals do have insurance.*

Results

Participants will be contacted within 5 -7 days with the results of their test, if not sooner, and results will be communicated securely and privately to Redfern and Sullivan Health Centers. Questions regarding results can be emailed to drivethruresults@musc.edu. Upon receipt of results, in order to receive clearance to visit Clemson facilities, individuals are required to submit their result through the [Test Result Upload](#) Tool on the University's website.

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
Subject: Re: Furlough
Date: August 28, 2020 3:22:54 PM

[REDACTED], you are correct. At this time, there is nothing we can do. Your offer is very noble!

I think we are going to look at some way to reward employees after we dig out of Covid-19. That may be the time to thank those who worked especially hard and took on many stresses.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2020, at 9:42 AM, [REDACTED] >
wrote:

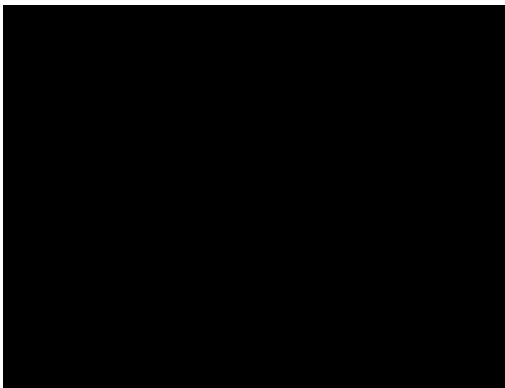
Dear Provost Jones,

I'd like to commend you and others who designed the current Furlough Program. I am so happy that it is on a graded scale, with a lower cutoff, so that those at the lower end of the pay scale are not affected.

I realize that it is probably too late to ask this, but is there any mechanism to create a pool of furlough days that others could draw from? My office manager is one of those caught at the \$50K interface, and I would be happy to take an additional day (or two) if it would mean that she didn't have to take any. I understand that this is probably impossible to do, but I thought it worth asking.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]





From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Kristin Goodenow](#)
Subject: RE: Input from review meeting 9/3
Date: September 3, 2020 5:44:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Dear Kristin,

Thank you for the detailed note and for participating in the discussions today. You exemplify what is one of the enduring features of Clemson; i.e., faculty and staff who care deeply about students. I vacillate too on what we should do! If we do bring freshmen back, then it is imperative that we be very deliberate and focused on building social connections and an engaging environment for them outside of the classroom.

Sincerely,

Bob

From: Kristin Goodenow <kristig@clemson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Input from review meeting 9/3

Provost Jones, thank you for the meeting this morning. It was very informative and helpful. I know we touched on mental health and that very complex piece. But I guess one thing that keeps me up at night (if you will), is our freshmen. A big piece for success and beginning to adjust positively to college—whether it is socially or even academically—is the social network they build in the first weeks on campus. I fear they will feel even more isolated if we bring them back to campus with social distancing in place. Many students struggle with the transition of being away from home, family, and established friendships. I just can't imagine how we can replicate making friends and building that support network in a socially distanced environment knowing the very real limitations. I believe it will make students feel actually more isolated and lonely coming to campus as at least at home—for most, not all—they have a some sort of established support system wherever their home base is already.

This could be a pro and a con but I believe that, ultimately, students will be less depressed and/or disappointed if they do not come to campus at all and realize not only have they lost an established support system at the home base but they can't do the things they want to do to establish the connection here. This is an issue whether or not COVID complicates things. I am not mental health counselor but I say this from years of working with students through this transition.

I appreciate the extremely tough position everyone is in and I know Clemson will make the decision that is in the best interest for everyone involved—honestly, one minute I am all for coming back and the next I think we should stay online.

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Appointments scheduling online:

Current Clemson students: available in CU Navigate: <https://clemson.campus.eab.com/>

Choose “General Advising Virtual” if assigned to me; or “Explore Health Science Virtual” if you are not assigned to me.

Prospective students: on-campus meetings are suspended until further notice. I am happy to send information via email or talk via video chat at a pre-arranged time.



From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: editor.thetigernews@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Inquiry Regarding Last Night's Panel
Date: September 8, 2020 9:00:51 PM

[REDACTED]

It is safe to say that hundreds to thousands of students will be infected (Out of 25,000, the vast majority who will NOT be infected) over the course of the semester at one time or another, but not all at once. At any one time, on-campus students living in dorms (6,900 students) needing isolation or quarantine beds will number upwards of several hundred, the exact number is not known, but we are securing 600 or more beds to be sure we have enough to meet this potential need. For students living off campus, we will ask them to self-isolate if they get infected. Clemson will frequently check up on these students to help as needed. If you would like to schedule a call to be sure of details, I would welcome it.

Thanks, Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2020, at 7:34 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Good evening Provost Jones,

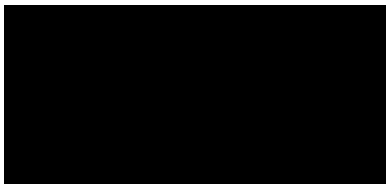
My name is [REDACTED] and I am a [REDACTED] news reporter with The Tiger. I sat in on last night's Senate meeting and on the COVID-19 panel and I was hoping you could answer a few questions for me related to what was said.

Last night, in your opening remarks you mentioned that the University has 600 beds available for quarantining students infected with the virus. Later in the Q&A session, you said that early models showed "3/4 of the students getting infected across the course of the semester" with models now showing "1/4 of students". 1/4 of students is upwards of 4,000 by a rough estimation, much more than the 600 beds available.

Could you elaborate on what the University's models are planning for with such a large amount of infections and a lack of quarantine space, per what was mentioned? In addition, what scope is that 1/4 of students being infected - within the first few weeks, over the course of the semester, or over the entirety of the academic year?

I do appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,



From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
Subject: RE: Joint task force proposal, addressing impact on caregivers
Date: August 31, 2020 3:27:00 PM

Amy,

I fully support this effort. It tackles real issues while acknowledging current resource constraints including finances and labor. My hope is that it will reorganize our resources and plans in a way that will have long lasting effects after COVID has passed.

Bob

From: Amy Lawton-Rauh <amylr@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Joint task force proposal, addressing impact on caregivers

Hi Bob,

Attached is the proposal for the Joint task force on supporting and addressing impact of COVID-19 on caregivers at Clemson University

It is presented in summary bullet points and comes from an effort by Sean Sather Wagstaff, Lori Dicks, Margaret Ptacek and myself following a shared reading of some materials circulated regarding the impact of the pandemic on professional balance and achievement.

Can you let me know if you support vs it needs 'more'? If it is fine then I ask Sean to read one last time and send to you. I think it would mean a lot if it is sent to you from him, and then you reply confirmation.

This work?

Amy

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Mandi Hix](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Lisa Knox](#); [David Sudduth](#); [Joe Galbraith](#); [Sarah Custer](#); [Juan Xu](#); [Jeremy King](#); [Mark David Land](#)
Subject: RE: Next Steps for Dashboard
Date: August 20, 2020 7:52:03 PM

Good evening Mandi,

As far as the webpage is concerned, this looks great. Thank you for making the changes and turning it around so quickly.

Juan,

Can you make one change to the dashboard? The provost would like to remove the first “?” hover that reads:

The below information is based on what the University knows from surveillance testing, the self-reporting system and from reports provided by the Sullivan Health Center, the Redfern Health Center and the Athletics Department. The number of positives may not necessarily be the number of distinct individuals tested positive because data are collected from multiple sources and there may be duplications.

Because testing results reported here include individuals having symptoms who sought testing, individuals who may have been tested on multiple occasions, and those in our surveillance testing regimen, the percent positive of tests are likely to be higher than the per-person rate of COVID-19 within the university population.

This happens to be the exact same verbiage that appears on the paragraph above the table. So you can delete this. Also, in the morning when you update the Tableau dashboard with the numbers, can you please alert the provost if there happens to be a huge spike in percent positive? We do not anticipate that happening, but one never knows.

To summarize next steps:

- ***Sarah will facilitate providing with Juan fresh data for updated numbers – updates continue through the end of the night tonight (12:00 am)***
- ***Juan will update the numbers in the dashboard and remove the hover in the first ? description by no later than 10:00 am tomorrow***
- ***Juan will let the provost know when the updates are complete and if there are any unforeseen spikes in %***
- ***The provost will give the green light for the dashboard development page to be published***
- ***University Relations will coordinate publishing the website and sending out the “unveiling” message from the president***

Have a wonderful evening everyone.

Sincerley,

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From: Mandi Hix <mhix@clemson.edu>

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 3:59 PM

To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>

Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>; David Sudduth <dsuddut@clemson.edu>; Joe Galbraith <joegalb@clemson.edu>; Sarah Custer <sarahmc@clemson.edu>; Juan Xu <jxu2@clemson.edu>; Jeremy King <jking2@clemson.edu>; Mark David Land <mdland@clemson.edu>

Subject: Re: Next Steps for Dashboard

Provost Jones,

The page has been updated based on Katie's list below and the embed code sent to me by Juan. The dev page can be reviewed here: <https://wwwdev.clemson.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.html> You must connect to VPN before that link will work.

Please let me know if there are more edits to be made.

Best,

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From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 3:46 PM

To: Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>, David Sudduth <dsuddut@clemson.edu>, Joe Galbraith <joegalb@clemson.edu>, Sarah Custer <sarahmc@clemson.edu>, Juan Xu <jxu2@clemson.edu>, Jeremy King <jking2@clemson.edu>, Mandi Hix <mhix@clemson.edu>, Mark David Land <mdland@clemson.edu>, Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>

Subject: Next Steps for Dashboard

Good afternoon all,

Here is our plan of action for finalizing the dashboard and publishing to the website as discussed just now:

1. Mandi Hix will create the development website for the dashboard landing page based on the mock-up provided by Joe.
 - a. Users can navigate to this page via a link on the main COVID site
 - b. Requested changes to the mock-up are:
 - i. Add “public” in front of both the state and federal buttons
 - ii. Remove the wastewater link
2. Mandi will send a link to the development website to the Provost for review ***as soon as is possible today.***
3. The Provost will respond to Mandi with any feedback/approval. ***After being approved, the site will still not be published until the president’s message is ready to be sent tomorrow.***
4. Will the numbers in the dashboard change today? ***Yes.*** This dashboard will be updated each Friday. This entails numbers being captured through midnight on Thursdays (tonight included). ***Juan will have the live dashboard updated no later than 10 am tomorrow with the fresh numbers.***
5. The president’s message that is going out tomorrow will link to the dashboard. This message will serve as the unveiling of the dashboard. From there, further communication to targeted audiences can follow.

Sincerely,

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From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:55 PM

To: Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>; David Sudduth <dsuddut@clemson.edu>; Joe Galbraith <joegalb@clemson.edu>; Sarah Custer <sarahmc@clemson.edu>; 'Juan Xu ' <jxu2@clemson.edu>; Jeremy King (<jking2@clemson.edu>) <jking2@clemson.edu>; Mandi Hix <mhix@clemson.edu>

Subject: Agenda for Next Steps Meeting

Hello everyone,

Here are the items that I would like to cover in a few minutes at our 3 pm meeting:

- We are good to go for the dashboard, with a few minor changes to the landing page that it will reside on.
- The Provost will reach out to Mark Land to communicate that the president's message that is going out tomorrow should be ready to link to the dashboard if that is what is desired.
- Question for Juan, Jeremy, and Sarah? Do we need to load any more data in today?
- On the dashboard website:
 - Add the word "public" in front of both the state and federal buttons.
 - Remove the wastewater button.
- Send an updated mockup of the page to the provost when done. He will want to see the final version before it is published.

See you all at 3.

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: On Campus Activities
Date: August 16, 2020 4:30:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you!!! [REDACTED]. We are watching universities very carefully and I frequently discuss opening strategies with provosts at major state universities. Most of them are very worried. We have seen a few hot spots at UNC and NC State. The results of the move-ins in terms of the spread of infections, however, will not begin to show for about 1-3 more weeks (fortunately for us, well before we make the final decision to open the forms and classrooms). There have been some additional pull backs elsewhere, including most Ivy League schools and now some other major state universities (University of Virginia for e.g.), but as you point out, many are forging ahead.

We ABSOLUTELY want to, and are planning to, ramp up with residence hall move-in and in-person classes on the dates we announced earlier (mid-Sept). We agree with your perspective completely that the best thing for our students is to be on campus and interact in person, safely. So far, we continue to see encouraging trends in SC infection rates and our wastewater samples. Anything you care to share with me is most welcome.

Sincerely,

Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: On Campus Activities

Just to follow-up, can you share what universities are seeing massive infection rates? Trying to understand the data. As an example, Duke tested 3000 students and had 4 positives and Alabama tested 30,000 and had a positive rate of .83%. Tons of other examples of this including NC schools where the major large universities are all back on campus and they are seeing a decline in the positivity rates.

Trying praying Clemson does the right thing and brings these kids back in campus, especially allowing the freshmen to move in asap.

State of Alabama released testing results on 30k students returning to college in Alabama - .83% positive rate - 249 positives. I'm encouraged by that for Clemson.

<https://www.al.com/news/2020/08/early-covid-19-test-results-for-alabama-college-students-show-low-positivity-rate.html>



AL.COM

Early Alabama college student COVID test results are in

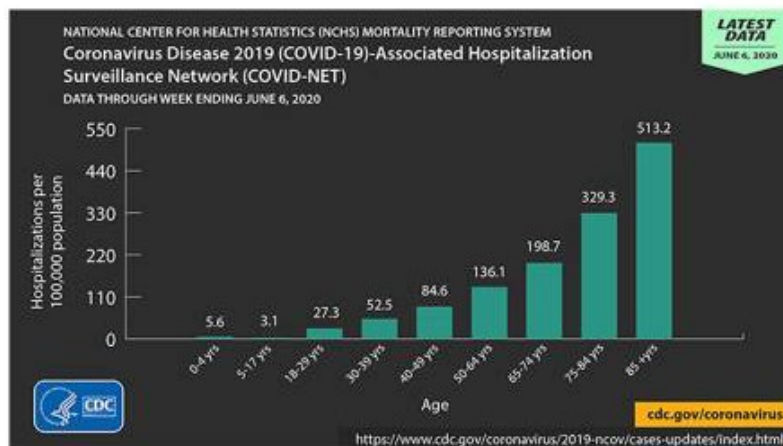
The first 30,000 coronavirus test results for college students in the s...

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 06:35:25 PM EDT, Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu> wrote:

Thanks for asking. Over the past few months, we have seen the rates of hospitalization, mortality, and other definitions of serious illness such as "severe" or "critical" for college age people increase as more data come in.

Attached is a pdf of recent CDC data showing that hospitalization rates of the "comparison group = college age" are not all that much smaller than older groups. Being young is not a pass on risk. Below is a little bit older study showing actual hospitalization rates. The "per 100,000" includes everyone, most of who are not, and have not been infected, so the important comparison is between age classes where you can see that 19-29 year-olds have a hospitalization rate (severe outcome) that is 25% as high as people who are 50-64. A recent student at UCSF, which accounted for typical levels of fitness and predisposing risks among young people show closer to a risk of 1/3 having serious or long-lasting effects if infected: <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2020/07/418081/1-3-young-adults-may-face-severe-covid-19-ucsf-study-shows> Of course, data are still coming in, but we feel at this time that it is simply not true that young people are in little or no danger. Some college football programs are folding now in part because of fear among the players that covid-19 impacts on the heart may be significant and long-lasting.

Hospitalizations by Age



On the infection rates when students return to class this fall, please see this article which just came out about a Georgia primary/secondary School district. <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2020/07/418081/1-3-young-adults-may-face-severe-covid-19-ucsf-study-shows>

If infection rates get high, as they did in several of these Georgia schools, then quarantining can become a large challenge. For the case of college residence halls, this could mean quarantine of a whole dorm. We used sophisticated epidemiological modeling with a variety of reasonable assumptions and variations on those assumptions with regard to rate of spread (R_0), and static infection rates in the population, and we could not get our numbers to a level of manageable quarantine. We projected 500 to 1000s of quarantines at one point in time, which would have become so disruptive as to force us to shut down.

Given the high risk of having to shut down after opening up, and the fact that young people are more susceptible to long lasting effects than many may think, and given all the other unknowns about this dangerous virus, we felt it important to take a pause and work to get the community infection rates down. It appears they are trending down now in SC and we are optimistic this means we will open up in September and have a meaningful level of in-person experiences.

Wishing you all the best,

Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: On Campus Activities

Thank you for your timely response, very much appreciated. If I may, a few quick follow up quesitons:

1. Can you share your data source on the ~30% of kids having long term side effects? We would be very interested in looking at that data. We study the existing data regularly (and have for months) - especially from the international communities that are far ahead of tracing this virus and have seen nothing showing concrete data on any long term concerns for kids. Certainly, some news outlets are saying lots of things that I am sure you would agree, as educated adults we know not to listen to, but we have not seen any statisticaly data on this (only anecodotal news reports of one off situations - and even then, very little about kids).

2. You also mention massive outbreaks of infections and quarantines occuring across the country from schools that have opened up and we would be very interested in hearing what universities you are referring to that are experiencing this. My wife works with and communicates reguarly with colleges across the country and she has been hearing the opposite so would be really helpful to hear what schools you are seeing this with.

Look forward to seeing the data Clemson is using - perhaps it will shed some different insight.

Thank you again.

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 11:00:05 AM EDT, Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing your concern, which is rooted in a deep care for our students. While some organized sports are being paused this fall, others are not and students will still be able to get plenty of exercise in small groups doing many physical actions short of close contact.

We are very determined to have a safe environment for our students and the ability to have in-person learning starting September 21. All across the country, schools are now starting with in-person learning and contact sports. Some

very early results of massive infections and quarantines are starting to appear, but it is too soon to know if this will be a major trend or small exceptions. This vast experiment - and our own testing, monitoring, and safety protocols including masks and social distancing – will inform how we go forward. We will remain flexible. If the trends show us it is safe to open up more opportunity for indoor and outdoor sports, if not in organized intramurals then in ad hoc “pickup games”, we will do so.

You correctly point out how important it is to consider the overall health and well being of our students and employees. We have that in mind and are doing our best to balance that with a tough and as yet not fully understood virus. That upwards of 30% of young people who get infected may have long-lasting effects gives us great concern about getting this right.

We are grateful that you are engaged with us and glad that you are willing to express your thoughts, and challenge our decisions. We are listening and thinking about all the inputs each time we make a decision.

Sincerely,

Bob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: On Campus Activities

Dear Mr. Jones,

I just saw some communication regarding intramurals and club sport cancellations and wanted to express to you our continued, utter disappointment in Clemson and the decision making.

We live in a state that has and continues to have, significantly higher covid cases than Pickens county and than South Carolina, and all of our high schools are continuing with many of the sports activities that Clemson is cancelling including: Club Soccer, Club Baseball, Lacrosse, Basketball and Ultimate Frisbee – each of which has been going on ALL summer in our state and numerous other states without issue. Our kids are currently playing volleyball as well. The decisions being made are most certainly not grounded in data and science as is consistently stated in the limited communication Clemson sends out. The data and science consistently show: 1. Keeping kids (and adults) locked inside actually has proven worse both from a virus spread and from a mental health standpoint and 2. These kids are at such an incredibly low risk. The suicide rate should be a bigger concern for colleges and universities, not this virus.

I reached out to numerous others who attend universities across the country to see if they too were cancelling virtually all of their intramural and club programs and the response was a resounding no -- so why is it that Clemson is not only one of the only major universities not having their freshman move in this week, but also now, cancelling their opportunities to have healthy, fun?

The virus is here. It will be here in the Spring, next year, and years after that. It is not going anywhere and we need to move on. The risk to kids is infinitesimal but data does show the risk for mental health issues is serious. Let them at

least get outside and participate in activities to help them interact and exercise.

We have never been ones to complain or even express our opinions but our frustration levels with Clemson are abundant at this point. Please, please reach out to other experts, versus who the school has been talking to, and look around at other universities across the country to see how they are handling the situation. We are very concerned that these decisions are going to have a long term negative impact on the Clemson brand name which would be an unnecessary outcome.

Thank you for your time.



Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Neil Calkin](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Jim Clements](#)
Cc: [Assoc Prov Fac Affairs](#)
Subject: Re: President's Update: Fall semester begins and a reminder that we're all in this together
Date: August 21, 2020 4:18:30 PM

Dear Jim and Bob,

On behalf of a number of colleagues, I'd like to thank you for the increased efforts at transparency on the statistics regarding Covid-19 cases on campus.

One question that a number of my colleagues have raised is the following: of the positive tests, what proportion were from asymptomatic individuals?

This seems critical in understanding the nature of the current levels of infection.

Thanks,

Neil Calkin

Professor, School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences and
Senator, College of Science.

On Fri, 2020-08-21 at 18:35 +0000, President Jim Clements wrote:

A Message From President Clements



August 21, 2020

Dear Clemson Family:

The new academic year is off to a good start, although it is unlike anything we have previously experienced in higher education. I want to, once again, welcome our new students to the Clemson Family and welcome back our returning students.

Over the past few months, the University has invested significantly in technology and faculty training so that we can provide an outstanding online experience until our students return to the campus. And, as you know, we plan to bring students back to campus shortly after Labor Day.

Our careful approach to the start of the academic year gives us the best chance of success this semester and we continue to make progress on a number of fronts. Here are some updates since my most recent communication.

Move-in Dates Set

We will begin welcoming students back to campus on Sept. 11 with all move-ins expected to be completed by Sept. 18 – in time for the first day of in-person instruction on Sept. 21. We appreciate the patience you have shown throughout this process.

The demand for our residence halls remains strong and Clemson's Housing and Dining team has done an outstanding job creating a safe environment and in communicating with our students. Additionally, we have instructed faculty to provide additional flexibility related to assignments and tests to on-campus residents during move-in week.

Testing Transparency

I'm pleased to share that we launched an improved testing dashboard. The dashboard, which can be found [here](#), provides information related to the number of COVID-19 tests that have been taken by employees and students. That information will be updated every Friday.



Drive-thru COVID testing at NewSpring

May and August Commencement

In my message two weeks ago, I shared the news that our plans for commencement ceremonies in early October to celebrate our May and August graduates had to be changed due to a modification in the football schedule that was beyond our control. I believe that it is important to offer these special groups of graduates the opportunity to be recognized in person, and we are getting close to finalizing new plans for commencement later this fall. We will communicate those revised plans soon.

We're All in this Together

Our students will play a critically important role in our ability to have a successful, in-person, experience this academic year. The University is doing everything in its power to create a safe environment under very challenging circumstances, but ensuring our success is going to be a shared responsibility on the part of everyone.



I want to thank our student government leadership for spearheading an effort to get students to sign onto a voluntary pledge to do their part to help keep the community healthy. We all know, however, that a part of college life takes place off campus, where approximately two-thirds of our students live and where the temptation to let your guard down is the greatest. I ask our students to exercise good judgment at all times, whether on campus or in the community, and to do their part to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Clemson employees are doing their part as well. And, I am incredibly proud of the work that our faculty and staff have done and continue to do to safely prepare for this academic year.

We all want the same thing – a safe and successful academic year with on-campus instruction and activities – and I am convinced that we can get there if we remain united as Tigers.

Go Tigers!



Jim Clements President



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From: [Tony Wagner](#)
To: [SUSAN S WHORTON](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Maxwell Allen](#); [Laurie Haughey](#); [Mark David Land](#)
Subject: RE: Staff Senate meeting on Tuesday, 9/8
Date: September 3, 2020 10:39:53 AM

Sue, the situation is very fluid at this point but I suspect we will likely want to do a broad COVID-19 briefing but more to follow on the specifics. Let's stay in touch and discuss content and length as we work through the weekend. Thanks, Sue!

Tony

Anthony E. Wagner

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From: SUSAN S WHORTON <whorton@clemson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Tony Wagner <wagnera@clemson.edu>; Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Staff Senate meeting on Tuesday, 9/8

Hi Tony and Bob,

When you have a chance, would you please let me know the topic(s) you will be presenting to the Senate. We have you at the beginning of the agenda.

Thank you.

Sue

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From: [Corey Andrew Kalbaugh](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Lior Rennert](#); [Christopher McMahan](#); [Lu Shi](#)
Subject: RE: Thankyou for your excellent work!
Date: September 1, 2020 3:18:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Provost Jones,

Thank you so much for this email. We continue to be grateful for your support and for your leadership. You carry a heavy burden and I continue to be appreciative of the ways you are leading us. It is an honor to serve alongside of you. Please reach out any time we can be helpful to you.

All the best,
Corey

From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Corey Andrew Kalbaugh <coreyk@clemson.edu>; Lior Rennert <liorr@clemson.edu>; Christopher McMahan <mcmaha2@clemson.edu>; Lu Shi <lus@clemson.edu>
Subject: Thankyou for your excellent work!

Dear Drs. Kalbaugh, Rennert, McMahan, and Shi;

I am very grateful for the outstanding COVID-19 analyses you have been providing to the Clemson administration. We are impressed by the sophistication of your approaches, the increasing number of variables you are incorporating into your models, and the speed at which you conduct new analyses to help Clemson make good decisions in a timely way.

We are very proud of you and want you to know that we will long remember the contributions you are making.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert H. Jones
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost
Clemson University



From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Mark Spede](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Berinthia Allison](#); [Phil Landreth](#)
Subject: RE: Tiger Band COVID-19 protocols
Date: August 23, 2020 9:13:00 AM

Thank you Mark. You have a heavy responsibility. We appreciate your dedication to our students and to excellence!

Bob

From: Mark Spede <mspede@clemson.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>; Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>; Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Phil Landreth](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: RE: TIGer Band COVID-19 protocols
Date: August 24, 2020 10:23:00 AM

All,

I am asking for another review by our health experts at MUSC just to make sure we have not missed something.

Bob

From: [ELTeamPres](#) on behalf of [Tracy Arwood](#)
To: ELTEAMPRES@LISTS.CLEMSON.EDU
Subject: Re: UNC reports COVID-19 clusters in two dorms | Local News | journalnow.com
Date: August 17, 2020 4:36:37 PM

As a follow up:

UNC-Chapel Hill pivots to remote teaching after coronavirus spreads among students during first week of class

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/unc-chapel-hill-coronavirus-cluster/2020/08/17/8ebce060-e0ab-11ea-8181-606e603bb1c4_story.html

From: Maxwell Allen <maallen@clemson.edu>
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 9:38 AM
To: "ELTEAMPRES@LISTS.CLEMSON.EDU" <elteampres@lists.clemson.edu>, Kathy Hobgood <kbhob@clemson.edu>, Rick Petillo <rpetill@clemson.edu>, Gregory Mullen <gmullen@clemson.edu>, Sarah Custer <sarahmc@clemson.edu>, Tracy Arwood <tarwood@clemson.edu>
Subject: UNC reports COVID-19 clusters in two dorms | Local News | journalnow.com

FYI.

https://journalnow.com/news/local/unc-reports-covid-19-clusters-in-two-dorms/article_6de6611c-de72-11ea-bebe-63ad44624c5b.html

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Anne Marie Rogers](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Phil Landreth](#)
Subject: RE: UPIC Interns
Date: August 31, 2020 6:31:55 PM

Anne Marie,

Can you please ensure that your interns receive a negative COVID test prior to working onsite? They can register here for the NewSpring location: <https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php>.

P.S. You can tell them that they will get a free t-shirt 😊

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From: Anne Marie Rogers <anner@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Cc: Phil Landreth <lralfp@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: UPIC Interns

Thank you so much!

Sent from mobile device.

From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 6:14:56 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>; Anne Marie Rogers <anner@clemson.edu>
Cc: Phil Landreth <lralfp@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: UPIC Interns

Good evening sir,

Thank you for this update. I will add it to our tracking spreadsheet

Sincerely,

Katie

From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 6:13:51 PM
To: Anne Marie Rogers <anner@clemson.edu>
Cc: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: UPIC Interns

OK Anne Marie. I understand this essential need.

On this one, we will make an exception.
Katie, please enter into our list of existing exceptions.

Bob

From: Anne Marie Rogers <anner@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Phil Landreth <lralph@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: UPIC Interns

Good morning. I understand; however, we have one UPIC that is



~Anne Maire
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From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:10 PM

To: Anne Marie Rogers <anner@clemson.edu>

Cc: Phil Landreth <lralf@clemson.edu>

Subject: Re: UPIC Interns

Anne Marie,

As a blanket, we are not approving UPIC students to come to work before September 21. There can be rare exceptions but I don't think you would fit them. Sorry

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2020, at 1:06 PM, Anne Marie Rogers <anner@clemson.edu> wrote:

Provost Jones,

We have two UPIC interns that we would like to be able to come in to our office at least a few times a month. We need your approval in order for us to get the students into the process to get cleared to come to our office. Is this something you would approve for us?

Thank you,
~Anne Marie

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Lisa Knox](#); [Jennifer McCaskill](#)
Cc: [David Sudduth](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: RE: Urgent: COVID Testing for employees
Date: September 7, 2020 2:20:33 PM

Good morning Jennifer,

Yes, all employees are still required to get tested and receive a negative test before coming to facilities on campus. Also, there will be continued surveillance testing of our employee group. There is communication that is planned for this. For now, I would just let employees know that they need to get tested if they plan to be on campus.

Sincerley,

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From: Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Jennifer McCaskill <potts2@clemson.edu>
Cc: David Sudduth <dsuddut@clemson.edu>; Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: Urgent: COVID Testing for employees

Jennifer-

Yes, all employees are required to get tested. I've added katie for clarity from Provost office.

Thanks-

Lisa

From: Jennifer McCaskill <potts2@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Lisa Knox <knox3@clemson.edu>
Subject: Urgent: COVID Testing for employees

Lisa,

We seem to be getting a lot of COVID testing questions from employees today.

The testing requirements specific for employees appear to have been removed from the revised website (<https://www.clemson.edu/covid-19/testing/index.html>), and I believe the clearance status for employees has now been updated to “cleared.”

Was the decision made to move to only symptomatic/exposed testing for employees? My understanding was that the Provost was going to be preparing a communication regarding clearing all faculty and staff, but we are not sure what we should be telling employees now. Are they still required to get tested before returning to on site work?

Thanks,
Jennifer

Jennifer McCaskill | HR Generalist

Office of Human Resources | Clemson University

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We need a comprehensive testing plan for Covid for return to school - a parent
Date: August 22, 2020 5:14:00 PM

Thank you [REDACTED]! Times are SO very challenging today. I am amazed at how well Clemson students and families have worked through very tough decisions and at times, some shocks and disappointments. I promise that the full Clemson experience will ultimately be filled with joyous and satisfying times.

Bob

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Subject: Re: We need a comprehensive testing plan for Covid for return to school - a parent

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2020, at 1:26 PM, Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I just found this email (apologies!) and want to find out if you have received some answers. We had to redo our testing strategy as have almost all universities (and states) as new technologies have come online, and shortages of tests overall have constrained availability. We have found some solutions and free tests are now available for students who are living in the Clemson area through a volunteer sampling protocol. Try this site to see if you can register for a test, and if not, get right back with me and I will make sure we get an appointment:

<https://cucourse.app.clemson.edu/cvd19-testing/attendee.php>

Sincerely,

Bob

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:13 PM

To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemsun.edu>

Subject: We need a comprehensive testing plan for Covid for return to school - a parent

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.
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[REDACTED]

From: [CU School of Health Research](#)
Subject: Save the Dates – Health Research Virtual Events
Date: September 7, 2020 7:16:06 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Health Happenings_Sept. 11.pdf](#)

Greetings Health Researchers,

We invite you to attend these upcoming virtual health research events. Please mark these dates on your calendar, and we look forward to virtually seeing you there! Attached is the PDF version of the below image with the webinar information hyperlinks.





Clemson University School of
HEALTH RESEARCH

Health Happenings

Join us for these upcoming virtual events!

Genetics and Biochemistry Seminar Series

Bill Paseman, a patient, journal article co-author and kidney cancer survivor, helps include the patient in the translational research workflow by enabling genomic data sharing. He will present the topic, "Chasing Our Cures Using Patient Centered Medicine."

Zoom Link [here](#) — Meeting ID: 955 4009 3945 — Passcode: 816990

Friday,
September 11, 2020
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Prisma Health Science Center Virtual Research Mixer

Connect with clinical research leaders and health researchers from HSC partners (Clemson, UofSC, and Furman).

Wednesday,
September 30, 2020
5 - 6:30 p.m.

CUSHR Fall Information Exchange

Our fall meeting will include CUSHR updates and feature Clemson researchers who are helping Clemson handle the COVID-19 crisis. These Clemson researchers are standing at the forefront of pandemic solutions.

Wednesday,
October 21, 2020
3:30 - 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

CUSHR

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Campus Opening Plan
Fall 2020 Semester
September 10, 2020

OUTLINE

- 1) Guiding Principles
- 2) Modeling/Decision Making
- 3) Health Plan
- 4) Move-in Schedule
- 5) Teaching Plan
- 6) Communication Plan



1) Guiding Principles

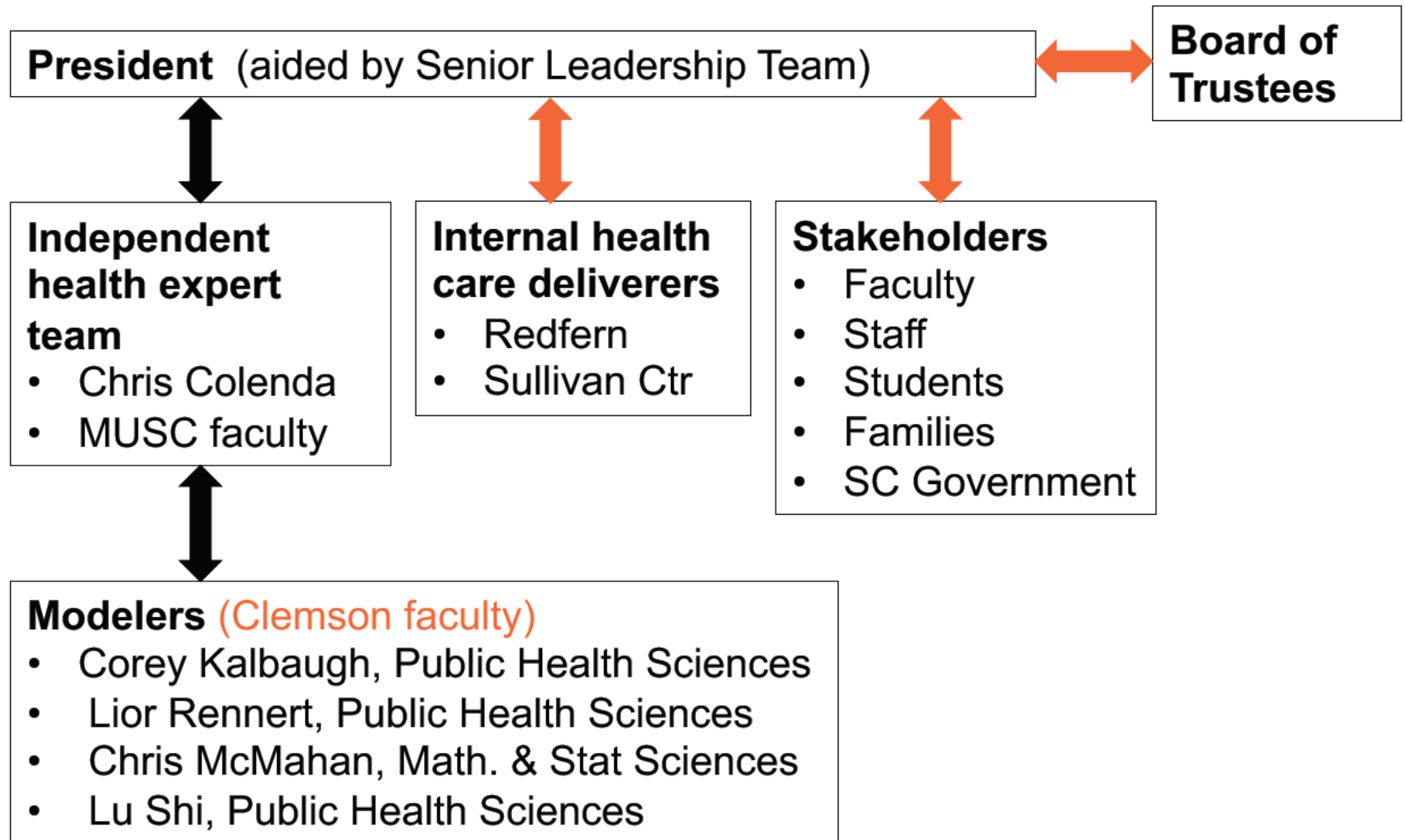
- Health and safety of our students and workforce
- Delivery of quality academic content
- Flexibility to adapt to changing severity of the pandemic



2) Modeling and Decision Making



Data-driven Decisions



Epidemiological Modeling

Key Parameters

- Incidence of disease in population at start of model run
- Total population
- Percent previously infected (presumed immune)
- Percent asymptomatic (infected without showing signs)
- Rate of transmission one person to the next (R_0)
- Influence of mitigating strategies (testing, isolation, distancing, masks, etc.) that reduce R_0

Key Outputs

- Change (rates, raw numbers) in # infected and recovered over time
- Influence of changes in parameters and assumptions
- Numbers needing quarantine space and number of tests needed

Interpretation

- Determine specific strategies to mitigate risk of infection
- Inform decisions to reduce or expand in-person interactions (e.g., the decision to delay opening residence halls and in-person learning)



Key Data for Public Dashboard

Population Surveillance Testing

- Students (#,% positive)
- Employees (#,% positive)
- All (#,% positive)

Symptomatic Testing

- Students (#,% positive)
- Employees (#,% positive)
- All (#,% positive)

All Testing Combined

- Students (#,% positive)
- Employees (#,% positive)
- All (#,% positive)

Quarantine Utilization

- # beds
- Percent of Capacity



Clemson University Fall Semester Testing Models of Number of Tests – Student Infections – On-campus Quarantine Resources for Students

N=22,000 (Residential 7000)

Days After September 21	5% Daily Surveillance Testing of All 22,000 Students (7,000 Residential Students)	
	Residential Students Tested at Time of On-Campus Boarding 85% Asymptomatic	
Day	# Active Infections*	# of the 7k Students Living in Dorms Requiring Quarantine
7	1488	188
14	1359	195
21	1124	134
28	1042	131
35	964	131
42	879	130
49	800	128
56	718	125
63	641	123
70	572	120
77	510	117
84	461	115

Model Assumptions

1. 22k students
2. 1200 initially infected
3. 85% asymptomatic
4. New infection rate from outside source: 25 introduced every week
5. Sensitivity=0.98
6. Specificity=0.99
7. Test turn around time: 48 hours

Key Notes:

- This is only a model
- Ranges in some parameters used for sensitivity analysis
- Human behavior will strongly influence actual numbers

* Active infections include on-campus students quarantined, off-campus students asked to isolate, and all students not yet identified as positive by surveillance tests

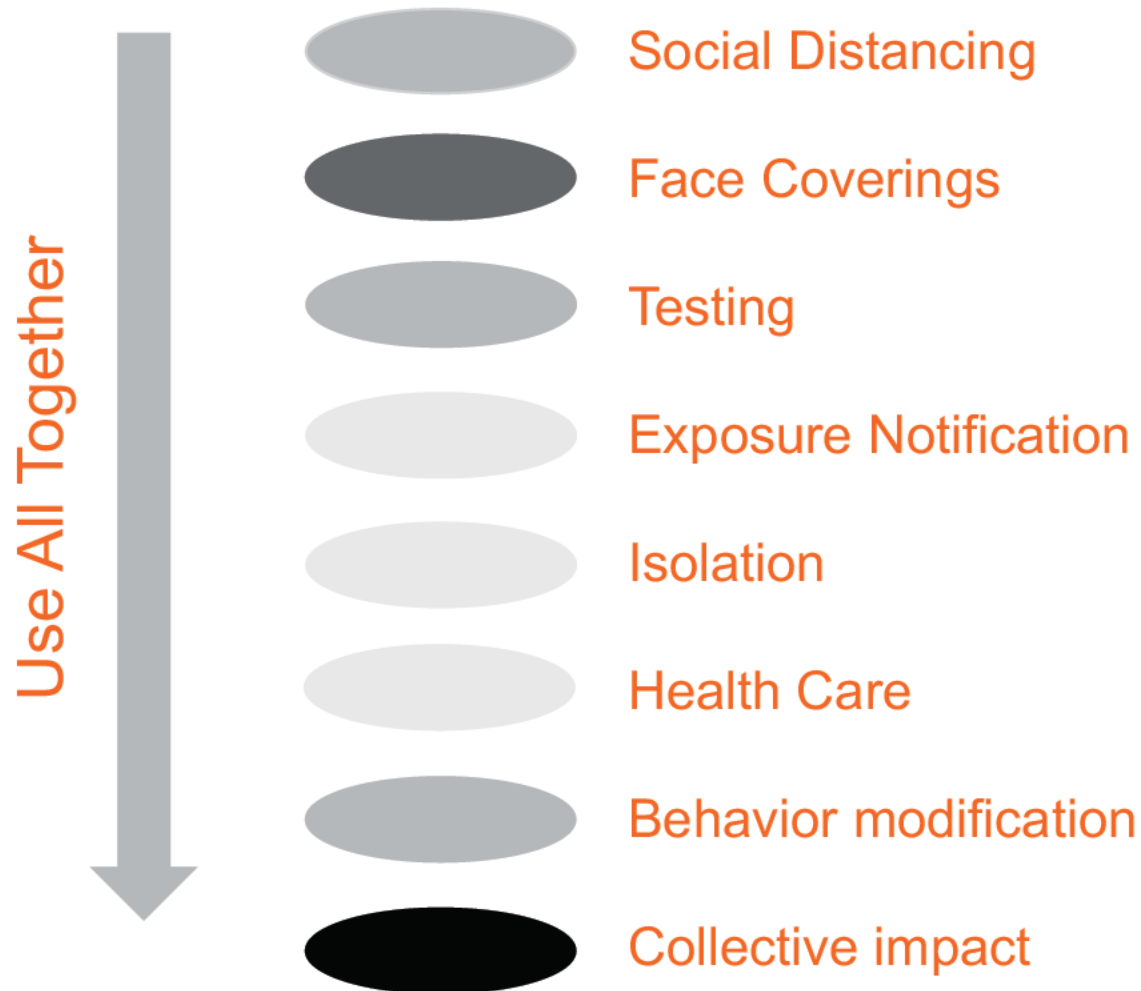


3) Health Plan

- Stacking protocols
- Triggers to change course
- Testing
- Exposure notification
- Isolation
- Health care
- Behavior/student experience



Stacking Health Protocols to Dampen Infection



Triggers to Change Course

- Reach capacity of quarantine/isolation spaces of ~ 650
- Ability to care for students using existing health care providers, including internal and external
- Significant increase in workforce infections
- Loss in the ability to perform essential tasks
 - Academics (teaching, advising, research, etc.)
 - Staff (financial, physical plant, public safety)
- Options to modulate risks
 - Modify percent face-to-face learning
 - Modify allowable crowd sizes and activities
 - Modify level of interventions/education aimed at compliance with health protocols

Testing

- Clemson's strategy based on models showing desired outcomes:
 - **Pre-arrival:** (100% of all students and employees before they are permitted to use campus facilities; all residents tested twice)
 - **Surveillance:** ($\sim 5\%$ of students and $\sim 5\%$ of employees daily)
 - **Symptomatic:** Test people reporting suspicious symptoms; surge when hot spots are indicated (e.g., by wastewater samples)
 - **Accuracy:** Use PCR NP tests exclusively at first, supplement and eventually replace with saliva testing
 - **Backup:** Use multiple providers to ensure adequate coverage
- Clemson's strategy relative to other major state universities*
 - One of a minority using 100% pre-arrival testing
 - Very high rate of surveillance testing ($\sim 5\%$ daily) compared to others (mostly 1-4%)

* See e.g., Penn State, UVA, VT, UNC, NC State, USC, Alabama, Auburn, UGA, GT



Testing: Additional Notes

- Added new vendor, Rymedi, to existing MUSC testing to test all students beginning 9/11; priority to on-campus students
 - Capacity ~ 2000/day with 24 to 48 hour turnaround
 - Testing location for Rymedi: Littlejohn Coliseum

- All students, whether living on- or off-campus, will be tested prior to access to University facilities and entry into the classroom

- Internal saliva testing capacity
 - Being developed by Drs. Delphine Dean and Mark Blenner
 - Athletics a key partner in building initial phases of test lab
 - Goal is to supplement and potentially replace most or all of the Nasopharyngeal testing

Exposure Notification

- Continue largely manual process endorsed by DHEC; will be ramped up as needed to meet demand
- Continue work already underway to explore higher tech solutions which may be deployable later in the semester

Quarantine & Isolation

Current Housing Contracts: 6,881

Current isolation capacity: 629 - 674

- 455 beds off campus
- 174 Beds at Thornhill Village
- 45 beds in Douthit Hills for Surge Capacity

Healthcare Capacity

- Redfern is providing primary care medical visits in addition to COVID-19 related medical visits
- Majority of COVID-19 cases have been asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic
- Capacity:
 - 40 virtual visits/day
 - 60 in-person visits/day
 - 125 COVID-19 tests/day
- Virtual urgent care visits (in partnership with MUSC) has increased overall service capacity and expanded access to care after hours and on weekends
- Redfern is prepared to increase capacity by 35%, if needed

Behavior/Student Experience

In adherence with the University's precautionary directives — designed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our campus community — the Fall 2020 Clemson experience will look and feel *vastly different* for students.

The Division of Student Affairs and other campus partners are firmly committed to continuing unparalleled support for students — especially those new to Clemson or college life — inside and outside of the classroom by providing resources to navigate this experience under unique and challenging circumstances.





WHAT'S DIFFERENT

Behavioral Expectations

- ✓ Mandated face coverings
- ✓ Physical distancing guidelines
- ✓ “United as Tigers” compact
- ✓ Code of Conduct addendum

Academic Operational Adjustments

- ✓ Classroom modifications
- ✓ Classroom and building cleaning protocols
- ✓ Conversion of non-traditional spaces
- ✓ Condensed study spaces
- ✓ Revised University policies for events, meetings and visitors

Campus Life

- ✓ Virtual engagement opportunities
- ✓ Housing and dining adjustments
- ✓ Public transportation
- ✓ Student health
- ✓ Student organizations
- ✓ Testing requirements

4) Move-in Schedule

- Residence halls: 6884 students
- Estimated off-campus: 15,000



Housing

- Staggered Approach
- September 6-7: RAs Move-In
- September 11-14: First-Year Students Move-In
- September 12-13: Bridge Move-In
- September 17-18: Upper Move-In
- September 21: In-Person Classes Begin

Dining:

- Appointment system created for dine-in service based on class schedule and resident location
- No appointment times to go through To Go lines at McAlister & Schilleter; areas open all day for multiple visits

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5) Teaching



Transitioning to In-Person Learning

- Current plan (1,818 instructors, >400 classrooms):
 - Sections (7,324):
 - 2,287 Fully online (31.23%)
 - 5,037 Blended (68.77%)
- Ramp up on-line to blended learning Sept. 21 – October 2
 - Instructors develop and implement a robust engagement plan to achieve learning outcomes
 - Instructors permitted to phase in face-to-face learning
 - Instructors communicate their modality plan to students and department chairs
- Participate with Student Affairs in student *mental health* and quality life/extracurricular experiences
 - Consider class time dedicated to non-class related discussions

WHAT'S NEXT

Health, Safety and Wellness

Online Training

- ✓ Coordinated by Healthy Campus, students will be required to complete an online COVID-19 educational module, similar to employees, through Tiger Training

Student Health Services

- ✓ Launch of MUSC Virtual Urgent Care will provide students opportunity to avoid long wait times at Redfern Health Center

Campus Recreation

- ✓ Students will be required to make appointments to access facilities for in-person workouts and group fitness
- ✓ Maximizing use of outdoor and other student activity space for appropriate Club and Intramural Sports and other engagement activities

We are getting ready for you, anticipating our facilities to reopen during the Fall 2020 semester. In the meantime, we continue to host virtual offerings and encourage you to engage with us wherever you are — [click here to stay up to date.](#)



6) Communication Plan

- COVID-19 site/dashboard
- Town halls/zoom updates
- Regular email updates
- Large and sophisticated social media plan for students and parents



Communicating w/students

Planned Engagement Opportunities

New Student Digest

- ✓ Plan to move from weekly to *daily* distribution to incoming students from Sept. 11 (first day of move-in) to Sept. 21 (first day of in-person classes)

Online Event Calendar

- ✓ Continuation of this mechanism as a one-stop shop for logging all virtual and in-person campus experiences

Social Media

- ✓ Amplification of relevant content and resources for incoming students on the University brand channel (@ClemsonUniv) and supporting channels (@ClemsonSA, etc.)

Other Channels

- ✓ Student Affairs newsletters
- ✓ Campus ESP – online family portal



From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Sharon Nagy](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Lisa Knox](#)
Subject: SOG APPROVAL: International Arrivals
Date: August 17, 2020 7:01:06 PM

Dear Dr. Nagy,

Thank you for crafting and submitting your thoughtful proposal for COVID-19 testing and protocol for international arrivals. SOG reviewed and discussed this proposal today and would like to move forward with the following:

1. All individuals must comply with the testing requirement listed on the University's [COVID-19 website](#). **APPROVED**
2. Individuals who have been outside of the United States within 14 days prior to seeking access to Clemson facilities, including those who may travel outside of the U.S. at any time throughout the semester, are required to be tested for COVID 19 as soon as possible upon arrival or return from abroad. There is no further requirement to be tested again 3-5 days after the results of the first test is provided. **APPROVED, removing the requirement to get retested**

Because a second test is not being required, the NewSpring testing location can accommodate and allow for free testing for our employees and students. Current turnaround for testing is taking one to two business days. Clemson will suggest this location for all near-site testing versus Redfern where uninsured students may have to pay a \$74 fee.

Sincerely,

Bob Jones
EVP & Provost

From: [Lance Christopher Miller](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Mark David Land](#)
Subject: South Carolina ranks 3rd in US for COVID-19 spread rate among children | News Break
Date: August 30, 2020 11:10:15 PM

<https://www.newsbreak.com/south-carolina/greenville/news/2044075245465/south-carolina-ranks-3rd-in-us-for-covid-19-spread-rate-among-children>

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Cc: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Summary Attached: Meeting on Student Behavior
Date: August 30, 2020 6:48:50 PM

Good evening team,

The Provost asked that I share with you a summary of the meeting that he and Chris Miller conducted with a group of faculty experts on student behavior. Please see the summary, below. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss student behavior in the context of the COVID-19 environment where we want to encourage students to do the right thing and practice safe behaviors so that we can open back in the fall because, ultimately, it is the students who will decide what the fall will look like based on their behaviors.

The Provost would like to set this as a topic for us to discuss a 4 pm Provost Ops meeting for early on this week. We will want to talk about academic steps that we can take. Also, this discussion will help to inform some very important decisions that are happening soon.

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From: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>
Cc: Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>
Subject: RE: Summary Attached: Meeting on Student Behavior

Thanks Katie. Very good notes!

Please share with the Provost group and set this up as a topic for late this coming week (early in the week as I will be highly engaged with the decision on move-in and in-person teaching plus budgets).

From: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clemson.edu>

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Provost Bob Jones <provost@clemson.edu>
Cc: Berinthia Allison <balliso@clemson.edu>
Subject: Summary Attached: Meeting on Student Behavior

Good afternoon sir,

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Background on Where Clemson is on Student Conduct (Chris Miller):

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Feedback on Student Behavior (Faculty Expert Group):

Oppositional behavior: Oppositional behavior is typical of this age group, but this type of behavior will not work if we want to have in-person classes. Let's tell the students what is appropriate behavior. Yes, this COVID environment is not the typical freshman experience, but we will get through this. For right now, here is what we need to do. We can facilitate student-led initiatives to make it cool to practice non-pharmaceutical interventions but then also be very clear on consequences if rules are not followed. It is important to be fair and consistent with those who will buck the system and the initiatives. Clemson is putting together guidelines for events and activities on campus. The IFC is limiting most things that they do, but there are still outlets being provided for students to engage in activities. If we shut them down, they will go underground. We don't want that to happen.

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Cc: [Berinthia Allison](#)
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Date: August 27, 2020 5:36:24 PM

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Cc: [John D. Griffin](#)
Subject: Support, Planning, and Considerations
Date: September 1, 2020 7:54:12 AM

Bob,

At our 4pm meeting yesterday, we all agreed on a plan to insert language onto the COVID-19 information website that details what students in blended courses should do, if they feel sick, test positive, or are exposed to anyone who is positive. In the latter two cases, these students will be working directly with Redfern, as they will be asked to go into isolation or quarantine. In all three cases, we are asking students to use the Notice of Absence (NOA) process in Canvas (or email) to let instructors know they will not be attending in-person class sessions for at least two weeks. In most cases, these students will be able to continue their studies as an online student during this time until they are cleared to return to the classroom. The Office of Access and Equity will be monitoring these students and in collaboration with the Office of Undergraduate Studies, will provide support to students who become seriously ill or decide to return home for the rest of the semester. This support may include notifying the instructor that the student will complete the semester online, working with instructors around missed exams and deadlines, or in some cases providing a medical withdraw or an incomplete to allow for extended time to complete a course. We have also provided some additional communications to go out to instructors in our Academic Affairs email once a decision is made concerning the move to blended learning scheduled for Sept. 21st.

I also wanted to let you know that the application process for students who want to declare to be fully online for the semester will remain open until September 21st. Until then, students will not need to disclose a reason for making this decision. After September 21st, the process will be available, but students will need to provide a reason and get approval from me.

We also know that you and the leadership team are working very hard to determine the best path forward in deciding whether or not to move from online to blended learning on September 21st. It goes without saying that we are all here to provide support in any way we can as you work to make this decision. In that spirit, we have posed a set of questions and considerations around the academic program should the decision be made to remain online (below). Of course, we are continuously preparing and planning for the move to blended learning!

I have copied the rest of our Provost Team for their input as well.

If the decision is made NOT to move to blended learning and in-person classes...

1. Will this decision apply to all undergraduate courses, graduate courses or both?

Considerations:

- a. Remain online for undergraduate courses, allow blended learning for graduate courses. Many graduate students will need to be on campus to support research as well as being TAs for undergraduate courses. Some undergraduates will be enrolled in some of

graduate level courses. This will result in a reduced number of students in the classrooms, but a level we can probably handle.

- b. Additionally, consider allowing some undergraduate research and Critical Inquiry courses to move to blended learning. Both research and CI courses represent high levels of engagement with instructors in research and scholarship.

- 2. Academic Support Services: While we will continue to provide these services virtually, should we consider providing limited in-person support for tutoring, PAL, Advising, Career, COOP, Internships and academic testing?

Considerations:

- a. All of these support programs have developed plans to deliver the majority of their services virtually as well as providing limited (by appointment) in-person sessions. With an expected large number of students remaining in the Clemson area for the semester regardless of a decision to continue with classes only online, providing this support will strengthen the case that we are supporting the academic success of our students in every way possible.
 - b. The University Testing and Education Center in Vickery Hall has remained open to our students and the community since early June for Pearson Vue testing. The Center plans to open support for students with accommodations on Sept. 21st. As the Center has functioned well all summer with strict safety protocols, we could still open and provide this needed support program.
- 3. Academic Policies: Regardless of the decision whether or not to move to blended learning, only one change in policy is being considered for revision. This is a permanent revision to the final exam policy that would allow instructors to exempt any student from a final if they accept their grade as it stand on the final day of classes.
 - 4. If a decision is made not to move to blended learning, we should still encourage instructors to use their assigned classrooms to deliver their class sessions.
 - 5. Even though classes may remain online, will the library and other study spaces be open to students? The current plan will need to be revised.
 - 6. I would ask the team to add any additional thoughts????

Please let us know how we can help!

John

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From: [Clemson University Student Affairs](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Take part in free COVID testing and "Be Part of the Solution"
Date: August 24, 2020 8:31:35 AM

experience: Student Affairs



Take part in free COVID testing and "Be Part of the Solution"

In conjunction with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Clemson University will conduct free COVID-19 testing at NewSpring for currently enrolled students living in the local community over the next four weeks. We are enlisting your help to assess preparedness of systems and processes to support on-campus learning and living in Clemson. We are asking all local students to "Be Part of the Solution" in creating a Healthy Clemson.

Students who volunteer over the next four weeks to be tested at the NewSpring site — less than a mile from main campus — will receive a special “I am Part of the Solution” t-shirt and be eligible for future incentives if they arise. You do not need to exit your vehicle for the drive-through test, but should bring your student ID, driver's license and insurance card if you have one. You are also required to upload your test result using the [COVID-19 Test Result Upload Tool](#). We thank every student who has already tested at the site and the University will retroactively provide each of you with a t-shirt.

Testing will take place in the NewSpring parking lot from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday over the next four weeks:

- Aug. 24, 25, 26
- Aug. 31 – Sept. 2
- Sept. 7, 8, 9
- Sept. 14, 15, 16

SIGN UP FOR A STUDENT TEST **NEWSPRING TESTING SITE**

Clemson is also providing students with face coverings. Students living on campus will receive face coverings through the check-in process in their assigned residential area. Off-campus residents will be able to pick up face coverings at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Complex ([map](#)) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday over the next four weeks. You do not need to exit your vehicle, as drive-through pickup will take place in the park-n-ride lot on the left once you enter the complex. TigerOne ID cards are required to swipe or scan to receive two face coverings, which have been automatically credited to each account.

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From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Lee Williams Currington](#); [Joe Galbraith](#)
Cc: [David Sudduth](#); [Mark David Land](#)
Subject: Testing dashboard
Date: August 16, 2020 3:58:00 PM

Dear Lee and Joe,

Last week you indicated that a testing data dashboard was under construction. Can you share the status of this and a copy of the layout. I am copying David Sudduth because he is taking on leadership for our testing and health logistics/activities and that should include our testing dashboard (David you may already be in the know on this topic).

This has become the top issue for a large number of faculty/instructors. Last week, thanks to you, we got out large, raw numbers on just PCR tests. Several, more refined statistics are needed, including the waste water tests. And they really need to come out early this week, even if parts are still under construction.

If you have not yet pieced something together, or have just considered PCR tests, may I suggest that you reach out to Tanju Karanfil to help set up a dashboard? He has a team capable of putting together high quality diagnostic graphics and data tables, and he has access to the waste water tests. And both of you have very significant (perhaps even overwhelming) responsibilities with COVID-19.

Thanks for all you are doing.

Bob

From: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
To: [Corey Andrew Kalbaugh](#); [Lior Rennert](#); [Christopher McMahan](#); [Lu Shi](#)
Subject: Thankyou for your excellent work!
Date: September 1, 2020 1:45:00 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Dear Drs. Kalbaugh, Rennert, McMahan, and Shi;

I am very grateful for the outstanding COVID-19 analyses you have been providing to the Clemson administration. We are impressed by the sophistication of your approaches, the increasing number of variables you are incorporating into your models, and the speed at which you conduct new analyses to help Clemson make good decisions in a timely way.

We are very proud of you and want you to know that we will long remember the contributions you are making.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert H. Jones
Executive Vice President for
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From: [Clemson University Student Affairs](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: The Staff Experience: Issue 1, September 2020
Date: September 9, 2020 4:30:35 PM



ISSUE 1 — SEPTEMBER 2020

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Chris Miller



A NOTE FROM DR. MILLER

Good afternoon from the Vice President's office!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. As you know from the [president's message last Friday](#), we are fully committed to welcoming our students to campus over the next 10 days and resuming in-person instruction on Sept. 21. This has truly been a labor of love and I cannot thank everyone on this team enough for the hard work and dedication — during what I believe has been our greatest professional challenge — to get us to this point.

But our work is not done. While the Clemson experience will look and feel quite different for students when they return, it is imperative our team continues to provide them with the tools they need to be successful. Many of you have made adjustments to your operations in order to both serve students while also protecting their health, safety and welfare in the wake of this virus. We will continue to build a robust virtual experience and incorporate in-person elements consistent with CDC and DHEC guidelines — particularly for our incoming students.

Some of our staff are already back in the workplace and others will return soon. I ask that you continue to adhere to the University's guidelines for face coverings and physical distancing. Together, our division should be a model of compliance for all students, faculty and staff to follow.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last week, members of the Student Affairs Leadership Team met with a representative from Academic Impressions, a group the University has partnered with to provide extensive online leadership and professional development resources to staff. As employees, we have tremendous access to intentional training resources, virtual workshops and learning plans. I encourage you to create an account using your Clemson login credentials and explore the [Academic Impressions website](#) to learn how you can enhance your knowledge in many areas, including leadership, diversity/inclusion, managing conflict and resilience.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY TASK FORCE

Several members of the division are part of the president's newly appointed Social Justice and Equity Task Force. Two of our staff members — Kimberly Poole and DeOnte Brown — will be in charge of convening subcommittees. Kimberly will lead a group discussing recommendations for climate and culture, while DeOnte's subcommittee will focus on programming and training. I am grateful to you both — as well as everyone in Student Affairs serving on various subcommittees — for participation in this important work.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

As a reminder, all University in-person events and meetings are suspended until September 11. Each department and affiliated organization is strongly encouraged to evaluate planned events or meetings and, where possible, shift to a virtual format. Mandy Hays and her team have worked tirelessly to revise guidelines in accordance with prioritized COVID-19 safety protocols. [Click here](#) to view the

framework for events and meetings.

In terms of the division, we will soon finalize dates for several virtual all-staff gatherings over the remainder of the Fall semester. We will communicate these dates as soon as possible so you can plan to join us.

I want to again express my gratitude to everyone in Student Affairs for the great work continuing to be done across the board. In fact, I will be working with our department directors in the coming weeks to make plans to drop in on staff meetings to more directly express my appreciation for your efforts.

This has not been easy. Many of us have balanced working from home with responsibilities in our personal lives. But we will emerge stronger because of this pandemic. Have a great week and reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Interim VP Miller's Signature



L. Christopher Miller

Interim Vice President and Dean of Students
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MOVE-IN BEGINS

Students move onto campus in August 2019



Main campus will soon be populated as students return for in-person instruction and the residential experience. **Move-in** is scheduled to take place Sept. 11-14 for new students, Sept. 12-13 for Bridge students and Sept. 17-18 for continuing students.

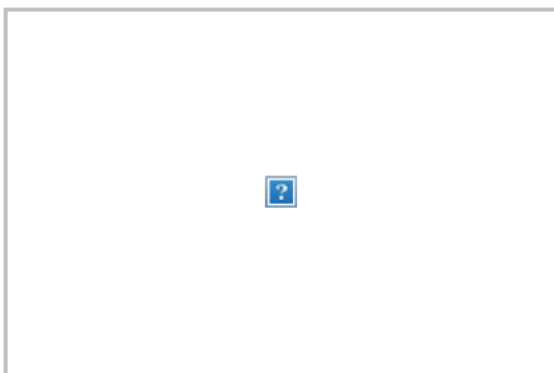
VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

Campus Recreation's modified operations



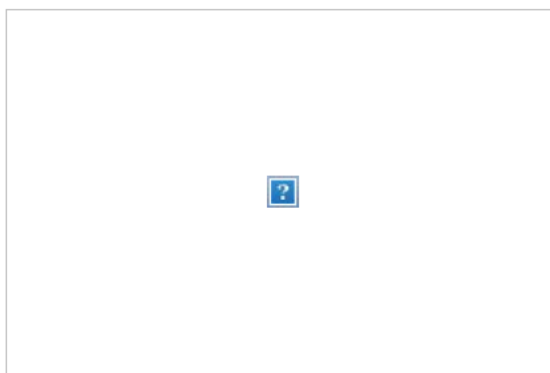
Click the white play button above to take a look inside Swann Fitness Center at Fike and the Douthit Hills Fitness Center to see how staff members in Campus Recreation are preparing for the return of students for in-person instruction on Sept. 21.

LATEST FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS



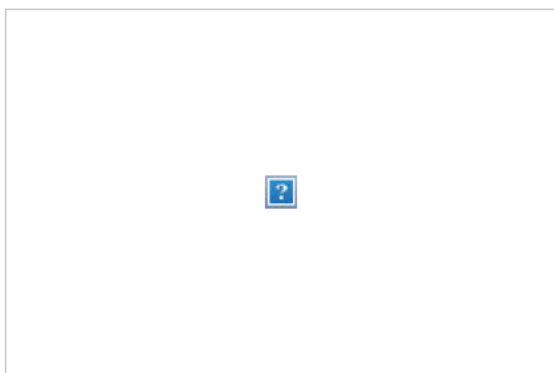
Furlough Program Instituted

Due to ongoing financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the University made the difficult decision to begin a [mandatory furlough program](#) on Sept. 1 in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Human Resources.



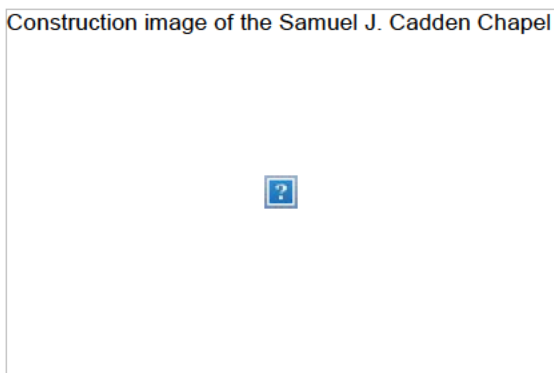
Limit the Spread: Face Coverings

One of the most effective ways to properly mitigate the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a face covering in the areas mandated by the University. [Click here to learn more](#), including how it will be enforced by University officials.



The Princeton Review Rankings

Clemson landed the top spot for strong town-gown relations in [The Princeton Review's 2021 edition of its annual guide, The Best 386 Colleges](#). Clemson also ranked No. 2 for career



Construction image of the Samuel J. Cadden Chapel

Samuel J. Cadden Chapel

Progress continues on Clemson's newest capital project, scheduled for completion sometime in 2021. View the new [webcam](#) to see construction progress or [website](#) to learn more as

services and No. 11 for happiest students.

cross-laminated timber panels are installed this month.

OUR PROFESSIONALS



Being Veteran-Inclusive

Brennan Beck joined the Alumni Association's Facebook Live Q&A to discuss his US Army experiences and work with Student Affairs.

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Clemson's Military Heritage

Campus Rec's Jimmy Mullinax joined the Alumni Association's Facebook Live Q&A to discuss Clemson's celebrated military history.

[WATCH](#)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Director of Residential Learning Suzanne Price



Price Earns ACUHO-I Role

Director of Residential Learning Suzanne Price has been elected to the ACUHO-I Executive Board for a three-year term starting in January 2021. She will serve as knowledge enhancement director for the international housing association's professional board.

Brown Named NASPA-SC Director

Assistant Dean of Students DeOnté Brown has been named state director of NASPA-SC for a two-year term. NASPA-SC fosters a statewide network of support and development opportunities for student affairs professionals to enhance higher

Assistant Dean of Students DeOnte Brown

education.

Clemson Panhellenic Honored

Clemson's College Panhellenic Association was of 25 recipients of the **2019-20 NPC Excellence Award** for outstanding contributions to all award categories: academic innovation, community impact, judicial procedure, leadership, marketing, programming and recruitment.



FEEDBACK

Have good story ideas or questions for us? Let us know!

Contact Philip Sikes at philips@clemson.edu with feedback.

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Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: Tiger Band COVID-19 protocols
Date: August 20, 2020 2:53:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Tiger Band 2020 Covid.RPL.docx](#)

Bob,

Attached are the revised protocols for the Tiger Band for your review.

Dr. Spede provided his plan and I revised it to include many additional protocols based on the College Band Directors National Association that included the latest scientific research from infectious disease and aerosol transmission and the University of Miami safety guidelines document. If we are approved to have spectators in the stadium or if the band is approved to travel to away games, additional safety protocols may need to be considered. Of these are: should the band members be required to have a COVID-19 test before arriving for a game or for bus loading, and some sort of security to maintain spectators away from the band members while marching to the stadium or playing in the stands.

Best regards,

Phil

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Subject: TOBEmergencyOrdinance_1942 (1).pdf
Date: August 18, 2020 6:30:49 PM
Attachments: [TOBEmergencyOrdinance_1942 \(1\).pdf](#)

Fyi: Town of Blacksburg passes Ordinance with severe theeth to prevent spread of COVID...

Jesus M. de la Garza's Mobile device

From: [Berinthia Allison](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Cc: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
Subject: Tuesday
Date: September 5, 2020 12:39:00 PM

Hi Bob,

Sorry to bother your weekend! Tuesday is looking even crazier now with ELT now added. I think we should reschedule the dean's meeting to later in the week, if possible. I know the budget memos will be going out so we don't want to put it off long. Let me know if you have any objections though.

We talked about it the other day, but the Staff Senate meeting on Tuesday is anticipating you and Tony presenting. I have not seen where the two of you have coordinated this in email but Laurie Haughey shared some questions that she gathered in preparation (inserted below).

I saw where John Whitcomb had shared some questions with Tony (and then forwarded to you) for the Faculty Senate meeting in the afternoon. So I have inserted those below as well.

From Laurie:

General Questions

- Do you anticipate additional furloughs?
- Will there be early retirement incentives?
- What are additional financial levers available and projected impacts?
- We have been monitoring other universities. Do you think it will be safe to bring all the students back?
- How is the University trending as to its COVID-19 related deficit?
- When a vaccine becomes available, will Clemson employees need to show proof of vaccination?
- Have outside consultants provided key insights on how to navigate the way forward safely?
- Is the COVID-19 dashboard accurate?
- What is being done to promote Town/Gown relations and have the City of Clemson help us in monitoring compliance of mask wearing and social distancing?
- How long do you foresee the hiring freeze lasting?

Faculty Questions

- What considerations are being made to ensure I meet TPR milestones given travel restrictions?

- Am I to report students who don't comply with physical distancing and face mask requirements?

From John W:

- Will faculty furloughs be used to cover losses from non-academic activities of the university (dining, housing, athletics, etc)? Where, specifically, are the funds from the furloughs being directed? We would like to see the written documents outlining the budget plans for this fiscal year.
- What percentage of a pay cut does each furlough category represent?
- Will there be a spring furlough?
- The provost described the situation as a cash flow problem. If so, when the cash flow is restored will the income losses due to furloughs be repaid to those furloughed?
- Given that we are having to cover the bonds for all the new construction around campus and this is a strain on our finances, will the university be putting a hold on new debt-financed construction until the current financial crisis is over? Faculty and staff are doubtless cutting back planned expenditures so the university should be clear on what it is delaying through this crisis.
- Does the hiring freeze include replacement positions, or if someone leaves this year can the department conduct a search to fill that position?
- Is there an estimation of when the hiring freeze will be lifted?
- We would like to see documents published to the university website showing:
 - a. Who on campus is losing money
 - b. How much money is being lost, and how much is each division losing
 - c. What is being done, specifically, beyond furloughs and hiring freezes, to get us through this crisis?
- Why are coaches not taking a 10% cut of their full compensation, as we're seeing happen at other universities?
- Are funds available to help faculty pay for equipment they need to be able to teach more effectively from home/online?
- If faculty do not have reliable internet at home, is the university providing hotspots?

Please let me know how I can help you with preparing for these. Don't hesitate to call me over the weekend if you need to.

Thanks,
Berinthia

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To: [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Phil Landreth](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: Two outstanding approvals needed
Date: August 21, 2020 3:09:06 PM

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to follow up on our outstanding actions for approval:

1. Leslie Hossfeld/Ron Gimbel: Undergraduate students involved in internships and/or part-time employment in COVID-19 specimen collection, contact tracing, and follow-up. This is an opportunity for undergrads in Public Health Science who would be well-trained and supervised. The provost believes this is worthwhile and is an essential experience, but he wanted to be sure that Phil reviewed and agreed. ***Phil, did you get your response to the provost on this? Just double checking...Do we want to add this to the SOG agenda for next week?***
2. Mark Spede: Tiger Band ACTION – Provost to review Phil’s recommendation and supporting documents (attachments 5-9) and ***discuss at SOG next week (it’s on the agenda)***. Since this request, Mark has also asked to have permission to have band be conduct all in-person. What formal approval do we need on this? I asked that Mark provide us with a justification as to why this cannot be conducted virtually for this to be considered through our formal process.

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To: [Phil Landreth](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#); [Berinthia Allison](#)
Subject: Two Outstanding Approvals Needed
Date: August 19, 2020 6:38:28 PM
Attachments: [COVID-19 Infection Control Protocol - JFSC.pdf](#)
[Updated JFSC OPERATING PLAN.pdf](#)
[JFSC-Updated scheduling and reminder scripts-COVID-19.pdf](#)
[Provost request - undergrad students.pdf](#)
[RE Online Only Choice.msg](#)
[RE ACC marching band info.xlsx.msg](#)
[RE Tiger Band This Fall.msg](#)
[ACC marching band info.xlsx.msg](#)
[Re Tiger Band This Fall.msg](#)

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide an update for this group on where we stand with the two outstanding approvals on our to-do list:

1. Leslie Hossfeld/Ron Gimbel: Undergraduate students involved in internships and/or part-time employment in COVID-19 specimen collection, contact tracing, and follow-up. This is an opportunity for undergrads in Public Health Science who would be well-trained and supervised. The provost believes this is worthwhile and is an essential experience, but he wanted to be sure that Phil reviewed and agreed. ***ACTION – Phil, can you review attachments 1-3 re the protocols and attachment 1 re the original request and confirm that the protocol look like these students will be safe and verify that this work is essential/send you response to the provost?***
2. Mark Spede: Tiger Band ***ACTION – Provost to review Phil's recommendation and supporting documents (attachments 5-9) and discuss at SOG on Friday, 08/20.***

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Cc: Katherine Yarrow Vogl <kymillr@clermson.edu>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 plan documents for JFSC (students, outreach, clinic operations)

Bob (and Katie),
Requested protocols attached.
Let me know if you need anything else!
With thanks,

From: [ELTeamPres](#) on behalf of [Maxwell Allen](#)
To: ELTEAMPRES@LISTS.CLEMSON.EDU
Subject: UNC officials say "road map" worked but the virus's magnitude was a surprise
Date: August 19, 2020 2:45:19 PM

An interesting read.

Max

UNC officials say ‘road map’ for COVID worked — but the virus’s magnitude was a surprise

BY MARTHA QUILLIN

AUGUST 18, 2020 07:05 PM , UPDATED 4 HOURS 53 MINUTES AGO

UNC officials were surprised by how fast — and hard — COVID-19 hit the Chapel Hill campus this week, prompting a return to all-remote learning for undergraduates.

But Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said Tuesday that the university’s “road map” worked the way it was supposed to — and made it possible to act quickly to mitigate the spread of illness.

“That road map was built on data,” Guskiewicz said Tuesday in an interview with The News & Observer, and planners knew that if the data indicated the virus was making inroads into the university community, it would be necessary to reverse course on reopening the campus.

What surprised him and the public health experts he consults with, Guskiewicz said, “had to do with the magnitude and velocity with which the spread was occurring. That drove the decision,” he said.

Guskiewicz announced the return to remote learning for undergraduates on Monday, following the identification of at least four clusters of COVID-19 cases on campus a week after the start of classes. The university immediately began asking most students living on campus to return to their permanent addresses. Officials said they would make exceptions for those students for whom leaving campus would create a financial hardship or an educational barrier, and for student athletes.

UNC wants to have no more than one student per dorm room with a total of no more than 2,000 students living on campus, and officials said they may close down dorms where students would have to share a bathroom.

At a meeting Monday of the Faculty Executive Committee, UNC Provost Robert “Bob” Blouin said that contact tracing had shown no cases of transmission of illness between students or their instructors within instructional spaces. The problem, he said, was with students going to gatherings off campus, being exposed to illness and returning to their dorms, where they spread it further.

The Town of Chapel Hill said Monday that UNC needed to take responsibility for the behavior of students living and interacting off campus. But Blouin said during Monday’s meeting that “the community itself is going to have to accept some shared responsibility in that regard, enforcing their own ordinances.”

Blouin, on Tuesday's call with The N&O and Guskiewicz, said UNC officials would meet with leaders from Chapel Hill and Carrboro on Wednesday to ask that they step up enforcement of rules prohibiting large gatherings off campus. If students are cited, Blouin said, the university also can take disciplinary action against them.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, N.C. State reported its first COVID-19 cluster in a campus-wide alert. A cluster of cases was found in an off-campus house on the 2700 block of Clark Avenue in Raleigh, where a party had been held earlier this month, the school reported.

N.C. State was notified of the cluster by the Wake County Human Services Department. On N.C. State's COVID-19 dashboard, the school reported 41 students and one university employee as having tested positive in the last week. That number includes testing from N.C. State's Student Health Services, results from local health departments and self-reporting.

Also on Tuesday, a class action lawsuit filed by 17 faculty members at UNC system schools against the system and the Board of Governors alleges that the system cannot provide a safe working environment for faculty and staff, reported ABC11, a News & Observer reporting partner.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED

North Carolina saw its first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 3. The next day — two days before spring break — UNC announced the restriction of travel to areas within the U.S. that were under a state of emergency.

Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency for North Carolina on March 10.

The next day, UNC Chapel Hill announced classes would be held remotely when students returned from spring break. But a week later, the university said all students would have to leave campus housing unless granted an exception.

Expectations were that viral spread in North Carolina would abate through the summer. In late April, interim UNC System President Bill Roper announced that all universities in the system would reopen in August.

Roper said he and his team, in consultation with university, local, state and federal health officials, would work with chancellors at each campus to determine how they would resume operations for the fall semester. In late May, UNC's Guskiewicz announced a plan for the Chapel Hill campus to reopen for fall.

UNC Board of Governors member Leo Daughtry told The News & Observer on Tuesday that he agreed with Roper's decision to reopen the UNC system to students, faculty and staff to the degree possible for the fall semester.

"He was basing his decision on what he believed was the best course of action, and I certainly didn't

disagree with him,” Daughtry said.

The board did not take a vote on the decision, Daughtry said, leaving to Roper, his team and the chancellors to determine the details for reopening each campus.

Roper served as interim president of the system from January 2019 until a new president, Peter Hans, took over on Aug. 1 of this year. Before his tenure as interim president, Roper was dean of the UNC School of Medicine and CEO of UNC Health Care.

On Aug. 8, citing a lack of improvement in the parameters used to measure COVID-19’s control, Gov. Roy Cooper extended Phase 2 of the state’s reopening plan.

The News & Observer requested a response from Gov. Roy Cooper’s office and DHHS about the UNC situation and their involvement in UNC’s decision-making process.

“All colleges and universities should be requiring students and staff to wear cloth masks that cover the mouth and nose, and limiting social gatherings to 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors,” N.C. DHHS spokesperson Catie Armstrong said in a statement emailed to The News & Observer.

“Because COVID-19 is highly contagious, communal living such as dorms makes it challenging to control virus outbreaks. Reducing the number of students living in communal dorms can help prevent spread of the virus,” she said. “We will continue engaging with the higher education community as they learn from the experiences at UNC Chapel Hill and work to protect their campuses and surrounding communities,” Armstrong said.

Staff writers Drew Jackson and Dawn Vaughan contributed to this report.

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Subject: UNC reports COVID-19 clusters in two dorms | Local News | journalnow.com
Date: August 15, 2020 9:39:04 AM

FYI.

https://journalnow.com/news/local/unc-reports-covid-19-clusters-in-two-dorms/article_6de6611c-de72-11ea-bebe-63ad44624c5b.html

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Subject: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science
Date: August 20, 2020 3:22:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Provost request - undergrad students.pdf](#)
[COVID-19 Infection Control Protocol - JFSC.pdf](#)
[Updated JFSC OPERATING PLAN.pdf](#)
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Bob,

I have reviewed all of the materials, attached, submitted by Dr. Gimbel and Dean Hossfeld relating to this request and recommend approving.

These guidelines and protocols should ensure to the highest degree the safety and supervision for our Public Health students during COVID-19.

It is particularly important that these undergraduates obtain this essential field experience as part of their degree program.

Best regards,

Phil

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Subject: Undergraduate students-Public Health Science
Date: August 24, 2020 8:27:12 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Provost request - undergrad \[REDACTED\].pdf](#)
[COVID-19 Infection Control Protocol - JFSC.pdf](#)
[Updated JFSC OPERATING PLAN.pdf](#)
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Resending as you requested just now.

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From: [Katherine Yarrow Vogl](#)
To: [Lisa Knox](#); [David Sudduth](#); [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: University Archivist
Date: August 17, 2020 1:54:42 PM

Good afternoon,

I wanted to get your thoughts on looping in Krista Oldham with our work with COVID. Krista Oldham is a historical archivist documenting the pandemic. She is interested in elements like:

- How is everybody feeling during this pandemic?
- What is the experience like for students, employees and the community?
- What it is like to make decisions on testing when guidance is so new?
- Any other elements to consider to track and document during this time...

What are your thoughts on looping her into our work somehow so that she can serve to document whatever the story it is that we would like to be told from our perspective?

Sincerley,

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Cc: colendac@gmail.com; [David Sudduth](#); [Lisa Knox](#)
Subject: UofSC expands quarantine capacity as active COVID-19 cases climb to nearly 1,500
Date: September 5, 2020 10:18:22 AM

<https://www.wistv.com/2020/09/04/uofsc-expands-quarantine-capacity-active-covid-cases-climb-nearly/>

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From: [Clemson University Student Affairs](#)
To: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Update on Clemson University COVID-19 Student Testing Requirements
Date: August 27, 2020 12:02:21 PM

experience: Student Affairs



As the University continues preparation for residential move-in beginning Sept. 11 and in anticipation of in-person classes resuming Sept. 21, the below guidelines for testing requirements have been established.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS IN CLEMSON AREA

Off-campus students living in the Clemson area at this time are highly encouraged to have COVID testing completed as soon as possible to provide the University with an understanding of the spread of the virus among the population.

PCR testing is available at NewSpring just off of main campus, and students who take part in the free testing will receive a special "I am Part of the Solution" T-shirt.

Testing will continue in the NewSpring parking lot from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday over the next three weeks:

- Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2
- Sept. 7-9
- Sept. 14-16

SIGN UP FOR A STUDENT TEST

REQUIREMENTS FOR ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Before gaining access to residences, students must provide proof of a negative COVID test (PCR nasopharyngeal or saliva) taken in the previous 10 days OR a positive serologic antibody test within the past 40 days. Prior to arrival in the Clemson area, students should submit results from an FDA-approved test. If testing is not accessible in a student's home area, Clemson-area testing is available, but students cannot gain access to their residence until results are received. Clemson Home will provide additional guidance for campus residents next week.

FACE COVERINGS

Clemson is also providing students with face coverings. Students living on campus will receive two free face coverings through the check-in process in their assigned residential area. Off-campus residents will be able to pick up face coverings at the **Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Complex** from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday over the next three weeks.

RESULT UPLOADS

Test results must be submitted through the University's **COVID-19 Test Result Upload Tool**. Documentation must include full name, date of birth, date of test, type of test and result.

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From: [John D. Griffin](#)
To: [Phil Landreth](#); [Todd Barnette](#); [Amy Lawton-Rauh](#)
Cc: [Provost Bob Jones](#)
Subject: Updated Classroom Cleaning Protocol
Date: September 7, 2020 11:21:17 AM
Attachments: [Classroom Cleaning Protocol \(Updated 9.7.2020\).docx](#)

All,

If you are off today...ignore until tomorrow!

Attached is an updated classroom cleaning protocol. Please take a look and let me know if I messed up or missed anything.

I would suggest we send this out as an attachment to our Academic Affairs email on Wednesday and replace appendix G of the playbook with it. I will also send it out with the agenda for Wednesday's Academic Affairs Planning meeting.

Can you all think of any other documents we need to update right now?

HAPPY Labor Day!

John

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August 18, 2020

From: Chair, Department of Public Health Sciences
To: Dean, College of Behavioral, Social, & Health Sciences
Director, Emergency Operations Center

Subj: UPDATE: Proposed operations plan for the Joseph F. Sullivan Center for beginning August 24, 2020

1. As COVID-19 remains in local communities, and the need for in person patient visits increases, the Joseph F. Sullivan Center proposes modification of its operational plan. Our new plan continues to limit clinician-patient physical contact unless deemed necessary after a virtual visit with a clinician, but will offer in person visits on a regular basis (Monday through Friday at JFSC and Fridays at Clemson Health Clinic – Walhalla). Special precautions (outlined below) will be taken when any in-person visit is required. Health services delivery remains primarily in a virtual environment due to the efforts of CCIT (Webex is now HIPAA compliant) and the Office of General Counsel (cleared all consent documents). All patients will be required to wear masks on any clinic campus per Clemson policy.
2. **The JFSC will continue to offer virtual medical visits for non-COVID-19 health care, to all employees, faculty, staff, family members, alumni, and residents of Oconee and Pickens Counties (without charge) through August 31, 2020.** The patients will Webex with a JFSC Family Nurse Practitioner and not be billed for the virtual medical visit. If an on-site in-person follow-up visit is required, normal billing procedures will apply to that visit. On September 1, 2020 the process will change in that the JFSC will collect health insurance information and begin billing once the JFSC is certified to bill that insurance plan. **NOTE:** The JFSC is currently applying for certification on various health insurance plans that includes telehealth waiver with major insurance payors (BCBS State Health Plan, etc.). The JFSC has a third party managing that process, but each plan can take up to 120 days to be approved. There is also a risk that any insurance plan may deny billing approval to the JFSC. Patient bills will be housed in a pending file with our insurance clearing house until we have approval to bill.
3. In recognition of the University's operating status, the following plan for operations of the Joseph F. Sullivan Center is submitted for approval.
4. Health services delivery for Clemson employees and employees of the City of Clemson (under contract).
 - Location: **Clemson Health Clinic/JFSC, Edwards Hall on campus**
 - Operating: Monday-Friday, 8:00am through 3:00 pm (with one hour for lunch)
 - One on site clinician per day – rotating: Will Mayo, Kristie Boswell, Michelle Deem, Caitlin Moore, Amy Garrison, Lisa Miller, Melinda Jenkins
 - Nurse or clinical support staff: Kayla Cooley

- Administrative Specialist – rotating: Connie Quigley, Jasmine Townsend, Miranda Owens, Melanie Kerchmar, Elizabeth McCall
- Focus: Acute care, chronic disease, family planning; admin staff will coordinate appointments (various sites), take calls, other duties
- *NOTE: The CU for Health program and acupuncture services will be suspended until COVID-19 risk has passed; **all patients will be assessed virtually before bringing into the office.***

3. Health services delivery for patients who are NOT Clemson employees nor employees of the City of Clemson.

3.a. **Clemson Health Clinic – Walhalla (200 Booker Drive, Walhalla, SC)**

- Operating: Friday, 8:30am through 4:30pm, with all in person visits happening after 12:00pm (with one hour for lunch)
 - One clinician: Michelle Deem & new APRN/FNP (being hired)
 - One RN: (being hired)
 - Administrative Specialist - rotating: Melanie Kerchmar, Elizabeth McCall
 - Lab Support: Contact Kayla Cooley for facilitation of any needed labs
 - Focus: Acute care and chronic disease

NOTE: The JFSC staff will collaborate with the School of Nursing leadership to involve nurse practitioner students in the clinical care activities. The JFSC staff will also collaborate with the Department of Public Health Sciences to involve undergraduate students in activities appropriate for their major, including contact tracing, health education, and COVID19 screening events (if applicable based on credentials). These students require clinical hours to graduate and are currently limited by other sites because of COVID19. All students entering JFSC sites have been instructed to cancel clinical hours if they have symptoms or have been around COVID-19 (including work in hospitals); additionally, they will be screened on the day of clinical by risk assessment and temperature check and sent home, if needed. These students will be required to wear masks when working with providers within 6 feet and follow all CU COVID19 policies and procedures.

5. **Outreach mission into rural SC:**

- JFSC Mobile Clinics:** JFSC has a longstanding mission of offering healthcare services (“gap care”) in rural parts of South Carolina. Specifically, the JFSC Mobile offers care to more than 500 women annually for breast and cervical cancer screening. These events have been on hold during the COVID19 pandemic and have recently resumed with modified operations (no more than 1 patient in mobile clinic at a time, cleaning between patients and at end of day, masks required at all times while on units). The JFSC Mobile Clinics are also limiting staff to reduce clinician-clinician contact, as well as following all COVID guidelines set forth by local partners (calling before entering partner sites, etc.). These women’s health screenings are a critical component of the clinical hours needed by the NURS8190 – Women’s Health course for FNP students.
- COVID19 Screening Efforts:** In collaboration with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), the JFSC has added two COVID screening teams

comprised of specimen collection teams who are leading COVID screening efforts in rural communities. These teams have been trained by MUSC to serve as command for sites and run operations to screen as many as 100-500 people in any given clinic. These screening events may offer a unique, once in a lifetime experience for Health Science Interns pursuing careers in the medical field, as well as required clinical hours for graduate school applications.

5. Management in Outpatient Clinic/Healthcare Setting:

5.a. Scheduling appointments: All patients calling for appointments will be scheduled as a virtual visit with JFSC clinicians. During the visit, the clinician will determine if in person assessment is necessary.

- If an in-person visit is necessary, and the patient has fever, shortness of breath or Fever of 101, they will be instructed to stay in vehicle and call the clinic to report their arrival. Appropriate provider with N95 mask and isolation training will report to patient vehicle for assessment. After assessment, if patient needs to enter the clinic, he/she will don mask and enter directly to designated isolation room.
- If an in-person visit is necessary, and the patient has cough without other symptoms, he/she will either wear a mask into the clinic or don mask at clinic door upon arrival.
- All JFSC staff will don masks while on campus per Clemson policy. Clinicians will wear N95 masks when treating patients in person.
- Patients will be scheduled to allow for proper decontamination between patient arrivals.

5.b. Social Distancing: If patient load indicates, well patients will be asked to sit outside JFSC in the Main Lobby for Edwards Hall **and** sick patients will sit in JFSC lobby and don face mask. At Walhalla, sick patients will don masks and be immediately brought back to exam rooms to reduced exposure to well patients. On mobile clinics, no sick patients will be allowed to enter. Sick patients will be assessed outside, in their cars, or instructed to follow up with primary care providers.

5.c. Isolation: Patients will be prescreened prior to entering any clinic building. If patient answers “yes” to the following parameters on the initial screening tool: travel outside US in past month + cough, fever, shortness of breath, potential exposure or exposure to a known/suspected case of COVID-19. **PATIENT WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN IN THE CAR AND CALL OFFICE WHEN THEY HAVE ARRIVED. JFSC CLINICIAN IN PROPER PPE WILL ASSESS PATIENT OUTSIDE OF BUILDING.** Front office intake (completed by clinical staff) and clinical visit will take place outside building.

5.d. Staff Education: All staff members will regularly be trained in process described above along with ongoing education as new guidelines/information becomes available

5.e. Patient Education: Signs on doors to clinics describing the need for isolation in vehicle if Fever 101 or greater, and if signs and symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath. Signs and posters for hand hygiene, cough etiquette, use of hand sanitizer and handwashing, how to properly don and wear masks posted in all lobbies. Hand sanitizer, tissues, masks and trash cans are available to patient use.

This plan will be evaluated and updated as conditions/status may change. Please contact me directly with questions or concerns. My cell is [REDACTED] and email is rgimbel@clemson.edu.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Gimbel', written in a cursive style.

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Subject: We have the green light: Next Steps for Dashboard
Date: August 21, 2020 9:39:02 AM

Good morning,

I reaching out to this group to let everyone know that we have been given the greenlight for the dashboard page to be published ***as soon as the president's message is ready to go out.***

We are at the final stage, where everything is ready for University Relations to coordinate publishing the website and sending out the message from the president.

As a reminder, this link <https://wwwdev.clemson.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.html> will not be the final link to the dashboard that should go in the message. The **dev** portion indicates that this page lives at the development site. Jon Harp can confirm the final link with this group.

Please let me know if anything is needed from me.

Sincerley,

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Subject: RE: Next Steps for Dashboard

Good evening Mandi,

As far as the webpage is concerned, this looks great. Thank you for making the changes and turning it around so quickly.

Juan,

Can you make one change to the dashboard? The provost would like to remove the first “?” hover that reads:

The below information is based on what the University knows from surveillance testing, the self-reporting system and from reports provided by the Sullivan Health Center, the Redfern Health Center and the Athletics Department. The number of positives may not necessarily be the number of distinct individuals tested positive because data are collected from multiple sources and there may be duplications.

Because testing results reported here include individuals having symptoms who sought testing, individuals who may have been tested on multiple occasions, and those in our surveillance testing regimen, the percent positive of tests are likely to be higher than the per-person rate of COVID-19 within the university population.

This happens to be the exact same verbiage that appears on the paragraph above the table. So you can delete this. Also, in the morning when you update the Tableau dashboard with the numbers, can you please alert the provost if there happens to be a huge spike in percent positive? We do not anticipate that happening, but one never knows.

To summarize next steps:

- ***Sarah will facilitate providing with Juan fresh data for updated numbers – updates continue through the end of the night tonight (12:00 am)***
- ***Juan will update the numbers in the dashboard and remove the hover in the first ? description by no later than 10:00 am tomorrow***
- ***Juan will let the provost know when the updates are complete and if there are any unforeseen spikes in %***
- ***The provost will give the green light for the dashboard development page to be published***
- ***University Relations will coordinate publishing the website and sending out the “unveiling” message from the president***

Have a wonderful evening everyone.

Sincerley,

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Subject: Re: Next Steps for Dashboard

Provost Jones,

The page has been updated based on Katie's list below and the embed code sent to me by Juan. The dev page can be reviewed here: <https://wwwdev.clemson.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.html> You must connect to VPN before that link will work.

Please let me know if there are more edits to be made.

Best,

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Subject: Next Steps for Dashboard

Good afternoon all,

Here is our plan of action for finalizing the dashboard and publishing to the website as discussed just now:

1. Mandi Hix will create the development website for the dashboard landing page based on the mock-up provided by Joe.
 - a. Users can navigate to this page via a link on the main COVID site
 - b. Requested changes to the mock-up are:

- i. Add “public” in front of both the state and federal buttons
 - ii. Remove the wastewater link
2. Mandi will send a link to the development website to the Provost for review ***as soon as is possible today.***
3. The Provost will respond to Mandi with any feedback/approval. ***After being approved, the site will still not be published until the president’s message is ready to be sent tomorrow.***
4. Will the numbers in the dashboard change today? ***Yes.*** This dashboard will be updated each Friday. This entails numbers being captured through midnight on Thursdays (tonight included). ***Juan will have the live dashboard updated no later than 10 am tomorrow with the fresh numbers.***
5. The president’s message that is going out tomorrow will link to the dashboard. This message will serve as the unveiling of the dashboard. From there, further communication to targeted audiences can follow.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Agenda for Next Steps Meeting

Hello everyone,

Here are the items that I would like to cover in a few minutes at our 3 pm meeting:

- We are good to go for the dashboard, with a few minor changes to the landing page that it will reside on.
- The Provost will reach out to Mark Land to communicate that the president’s message that is going out tomorrow should be ready to link to the dashboard if that is what is desired.
- Question for Juan, Jeremy, and Sarah? Do we need to load any more data in today?
- On the dashboard website:
 - Add the word “public” in front of both the state and federal buttons.
 - Remove the wastewater button.
- Send an updated mockup of the page to the provost when done. He will want to see the final

version before it is published.

See you all at 3.

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Subject: ZOOM: GSG Senate Briefing re: University's COVID Decision-Making Process & Expert Information
