

Greetings FSCJ Family. After 15 months of enduring the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am delighted to share that FSCJ will have much more normal operations come Fall Term 2021. Our class schedule this fall nearly mirrors the on-the-ground options that were provided in Fall 2019. We will also continue to offer the “Live Online” option that proved to be a successful choice for many of our students looking for an alternative for fully online or in-person courses.

I have shared this many times, but this team – this college community that we have at FSCJ is committed to our students and a force to be reckoned with. Each of us has had our own struggle or circumstance to overcome during this time, but we have continued to put students first in all that we do and we have come out a much better institution.

Following recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), FSCJ will continue to encourage wearing masks indoors while on campus, but will no longer require them to be worn. For the health and safety of others, masks may continue to be required in small spaces, rooms or buildings when individuals are in close proximity with one another. We have continued to see low numbers of COVID positive students, faculty and staff on campus and can attribute that to the diligence of each of you in following the guidelines that the CDC set forth and FSCJ followed. It is my hope that with the new guidelines, we will all continue to be respectful and thoughtful of one another. We have updated our Employee [Return to Campus Plan](#) to reflect this updated information, including the most recent guidance from the CDC.

We continue to strongly encourage everyone to protect themselves and each other by getting the COVID-19 vaccine, which has been proven to be safe and effective in preventing the virus. FSCJ will continue to work with our community partners to provide access to the vaccines for those that wish to receive it, but you can also find alternate locations through the Florida Department of Health [website](#).

I am grateful to each of you for your commitment to staying healthy and protecting the health of others. I especially appreciate the understanding and resilience of our students, who have had to endure so many changes in this past year. They have adapted, progressed and persevered. Again, we have updated the Employee Return to Campus Plan with this most recent guidance.

I am truly looking forward to seeing each of you on campus by the time fall classes begin. Thank you again.

Dr. A.