

Greetings Students,

As the beginning of the Fall Term quickly approaches, your safety and that of our faculty and staff remain our top priority. I wanted to share some reminders of our ongoing efforts to maintain the health and safety of our FSCJ family while we enhance our on-campus presence to meet your educational needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues, and with the increase in cases due to the Delta variant, we must remain diligent in our personal and collective efforts to keep ourselves and those around us healthy and safe. We continue to follow guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our trusted health partners throughout the community. In addition, we uphold the following measures:

- **Vaccinations** - Based on guidance and research from local, state and federal medical professionals, the vaccination is the best way to slow the spread and prevent severe illness and hospitalizations from the virus. If you have not yet done so, I would like to personally encourage you to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are widely available throughout northeast Florida, and locations can be found on our [website](#).

We plan to host vaccination clinics on campus, including Thursday, September 9 at our South Campus, Wednesday, September 15 at the Downtown Campus and Thursday, September 16 at North Campus. Additional opportunities are also in the works. More details will be shared soon.

- **Vaccine Incentive** - All FSCJ students enrolled in the Fall Term will soon be eligible to receive a \$100 book voucher to be used in the Follett bookstore, either on campus or online, upon verification of vaccination status. **Further instructions on how to submit documentation will be forthcoming, so please monitor your email for additional information.** This incentive will apply to all students enrolled for the Fall Term who have been vaccinated or become vaccinated prior to October 31, 2021.
- **Masks** - As we begin to bring more people on campus for the start of our Fall Term, we expect all students, faculty, staff and visitors to wear masks while on campus, especially indoors where social distancing cannot be maintained, regardless of vaccination status.

- **Social Distancing** - As we welcome more students back to campus for in-person classes, we have limited some class sizes in order to accommodate physical distancing in shared spaces. Other common areas will be configured to accommodate physical distancing, and any face-to-face meetings and events should allow for distancing.
- **Self-Assessment** - You should continue to complete the COVID-19 self-assessment tool on the [FSCJ Safe app](#) prior to coming to campus. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you notice any recent onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, you should remain off-campus, report this information to your professors for class attendance purposes, complete the online [form](#), and seek medical care, if necessary.
- **Contact Tracing** - We continue our contact tracing efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus. If you experience any symptoms related to COVID-19, you should complete the online [form](#). At no time will your identity be shared as part of the contact tracing process. Contact tracing communications will come from fscj_cases@cmdosi.com.

The best resource for your specific questions concerning the safety protocols and measures we are taking is our [Return to Campus Plan](#), which is updated regularly and includes information you need to know prior to coming onto campus.

I am looking forward to seeing you back on campus beginning August 30!

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