

Greetings Students,

The safety of our students, faculty and staff remains our top priority as we prepare for our return to campus this fall. As you know, we continue to see a rise in our area of those infected by COVID-19 and the new Delta variant.

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. As we begin to see more people on campus to prepare for the start of our Fall Term, **FSCJ is strongly recommending all vaccinated and unvaccinated students, faculty and staff wear masks while on campus, especially indoors where social distancing cannot be maintained.** Our [Student Return to Campus Plan](#) is constantly being updated and includes information you need to know prior to being on campus this fall.

Please continue to complete the COVID-19 self-assessment tool on our [FSCJ Safe app](#) prior to coming to campus and stay home when you are not feeling well. If you have had any recent onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, you should remain off-campus and report this information via our [online form](#).

I would like to personally encourage you to get the COVID-19 vaccine prior to the start of the Fall Term. Vaccines are widely available throughout northeast Florida, and locations can be found on our [website](#), along with additional resources to answer your questions and provide you with all of the information you need about the vaccine and current CDC guidelines.

We are in the process of planning vaccination drives on campus, including September 9 at our South Campus. More details will be shared soon.

I am looking forward to seeing you back on campus. We are better together and I am hopeful that you will join me in not only protecting yourself, but also our great community.

John Avendano, Ph.D.
College President