

Greetings students,

As the beginning of the Spring 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.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues and with the increase in the Delta and Omicron variants, 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, 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 or your booster. Vaccines are widely available throughout northeast Florida. More information and locations can be found on our [website](#).
- **Masks** - As we begin to bring more people on campus for the start of our Spring Term, we continue to expect all students, faculty, staff and visitors to wear masks while indoors on campus, especially where social distancing cannot be maintained, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Self-Assessment and Reporting** - Please continue to use 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 and seek medical care, if necessary. If you are experiencing symptoms and/or have tested positive, you should complete the [online form](#). The CDC has recently updated its isolation and quarantine guidance, which can be found [here](#).
- **Contact Tracing** - If you test positive or suspect you have COVID-19, you should complete the [online form](#). If contact tracing is warranted in your situation, the Florida Department of Health may contact you for additional information.

Answers to your specific questions concerning the safety protocols and measures we are taking can be found in our [Return to Campus Plan](#) and the [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#).

I am looking forward to seeing you back on campus beginning January 10!

Sincerely,

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College President