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# STAFF TOWN HALL MEETING

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*Interim Chancellor Dr. Peggy Valentine*  
*June 24, 2020*



“Any problem working remotely?”

# Outline

- Reducing the spread of COVID-19 on campus
  - Face Coverings
  - Testing
  - Classrooms
  - Residential students
  - Commuter students
  - Sanitation
- Supporting academic integrity and quality
  - Building coordinator
  - Welcome kits
  - On-line education if Governor mandates closing
  - Academic calendar

# Reducing the Spread of COVID-19

- Facial covering will be mandated by all when in public spaces
- Enforced by community expectation of compliance
- Chancellor may grant flexibility in rare cases
- PPE provided for all
- Social distancing of 4 ft. in classrooms with mask
- Modified dining arrangements to allow for social distancing
- Hand Sanitizer stations readily available in each building

Without mask

# Watch this!

- [https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2007800?query=featured\\_home](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2007800?query=featured_home)

# Classrooms

- Plexiglass shields around desks in public spaces, classroom lecterns
- Face shields provided for instructors as requested
- Hand sanitizer stations outside of each classroom
- Wipes available to wipe down desks in between classes
- 15 minutes break provided between classes to reduce congregating

# Residential students

- Room and suite-mates treated as a “single family unit”
- Private rooms provided for “high risk” students
- Rigorous cleaning of all residential and public spaces daily
- Self-monitoring of temperature and symptoms daily. If temperature reported at 100.4 degrees or have viral symptoms, **STAY in residence hall and contact Student Health Services**
- Quarantine and isolation rooms will be available
- Quarantine: 14 days when exposed by someone who tested positive for the virus. Resources provided to complete course work
- Isolation: For someone who tested positive for the virus. Student will move into an isolation room or home. Resources provided to complete course work remotely.



# Commuter Students and Other Visitors

- Self-monitoring of temperature and symptoms daily. If temperature reported at 100.4 degrees or have viral symptoms, **STAY HOME and contact Student Health Services**
- Facial covering required and provided for those who need it
- Staggered cafeteria hours
- More eating venues provided
- Rigorous cleaning and sanitation of all public spaces
- Hand sanitizers readily available on all floors and outside of each room
- Quarantine or isolation at home if exposed or tested positive
- Resources provided to complete coursework remotely

# Supporting Teaching and Academic Integrity

- One professional staff to serve as Building Coordinator to support prevention of COVID-19 transmission
- Support needed to compile welcome-back kits for faculty and staff
- Support community compliance of facial coverings and sanitation
- In the unlikely event the viral transmission spikes and the Governor mandates a stay-at-home order, online instruction will occur

# Attending to Staff Needs

- Over the age of 65 years and those with underlying health conditions with increased risk should register with HR (Ms. Faircloth) to telework
- Department assumes responsibility of providing course coverage if one becomes ill
- Self-monitoring of temperature and symptoms daily. If temperature reported at 100.4 degrees or have viral symptoms, **STAY HOME and contact Primary Care Provider.**
- If one tests positive for the virus, at least two negative tests are required before returning to work.

# Where to go for COVID-19 testing

- The Cumberland County Public Health Department is operating two free sites each week
  - Tuesday 9 am – 4 pm at Manna Church on 5117 Cliffdale Road
  - Thursday at the Department of Public Department 1235 Ramsey Street
- Walmart
- CVS Pharmacy
- Various Urgent Care Centers

# Academic Calendar

- July 6<sup>th</sup>: Staff return to campus (Check with supervisor for specific work requirements)
- August 1<sup>st</sup>: Student move-in day
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Faculty Return
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>: University Virtual Assembly, 10 am – 12 noon
- August 5<sup>th</sup>: Classes Begin
- **November 20<sup>th</sup>: Semester Ends**
- All EHRA and SHRA staff use available time for holiday break

# There are unknowns



“Helen, you’re the Team Leader,  
why don’t you jump first?”

We'll get through this!

