University of North Florida
2020 University Re-Opening Presentation

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OVERVIEW
UNF is coordinating closely with local, state, and federal officials to further ensure plans reflect current guidance for addressing the health and wellness of returning students, faculty, staff, and other members of the Osprey Community.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS
• A safer and healthier campus will be a shared responsibility of the entire Osprey Community.
• Social distancing guidelines will be developed for all public spaces consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state, and local guidelines.
• Face coverings will be required/enforced in common indoor spaces and outside areas where social distancing is not possible.
• Cleaning protocols will be enhanced based on CDC recommendations and hand sanitizing stations placed across campus.
• University will reduce its instructional footprint through the reduction of in-person classes, classrooms with limited occupancy, larger venues, hybrid formats, and continued remote instruction.
• Housing occupancy will be reduced, and additional residential safety protocols, education, and training will be instituted.
• Signage will be placed across campus reinforcing expectations, reduced occupancy standards, and any revised protocols.
• HR policies and Student Code of Conduct will be revised to clearly reflect new expectations, standards, and enforcement.
• Training of all faculty, staff, and students will be required.
• All facilities, departments, student organizations, and athletics have developed detailed plans for return.
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UNF Marketing and Communications, working with key stakeholders across the Osprey Community, will develop and execute both mass and custom, targeted communications outlining and reinforcing guidelines during all stages of reopening.

CAMPUS COMMUNICATIONS
• All communications will consistently reinforce the University’s commitment to the health and wellness of the entire community, as well as our shared responsibilities.
• A cohesive, creative theme of “UNF. Better. Stronger.” will be developed to highlight a unified commitment among university leadership, student body, faculty, and staff.
• Messaging will be delivered across communications platforms to educate and reinforce detailed health and wellness protocols, including remote versus on-campus work and learning, social distancing, masking, potential testing, reporting, cleaning and sanitizing, personal hygiene, meeting spaces, capacity limitations, and travel restrictions.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS & COMMUNICATIONS
• University will work closely with governmental leaders, business owners, and health care providers in the surrounding community to ensure shared responsibility and to promote the health of the campus and its surrounding community.
• Medical Advisory Team has been established, comprised of partner healthcare systems in the greater Jacksonville community to provide guidance and feedback on UNF’s health and wellness policies and procedures.

ENFORCEMENT
• Working closely with Human Resources, Office of Dean of Students, General Counsel and the University Police Department, the Marketing and Communications team will help establish and publicize consequences for non-compliance of relevant national, state, local guidelines, and university policies.
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UNF Members of the UNF community will collaborate with our local healthcare and SUS partners to plan and execute screening of all faculty, staff, and students prior to a return to campus, and plan and execute diagnostic and/or antibody testing of select groups of faculty, staff, and students prior to a return to campus.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• University will provide access to diagnostic testing for COVID-19 prior to (or upon) initial arrival on campus for all UNF athletes, coaches, and training staff as well as all faculty, staff, and students who self-report COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, with advice from state agencies and our medical advisors, UNF will develop COVID-19 protocols for all foreign and domestic students traveling from identified infection hot spots.

• Faculty, staff, and non-residential students will be required to complete a screening survey (mobile app) prior to initial arrival on campus and on any day thereafter in which the individual comes to campus. Students residing on campus will be required to complete the screening prior to arrival for move-in and, subsequently, prior to leaving their rooms for the first time each day when attending on-campus classes or activities.

• Screening will be used to assess risk for, likelihood of, and symptoms of COVID-19 infection. All faculty, staff, and students will be required to self-report (a) travel to regions identified as hot spots; (b) exposure to individuals with active COVID-19 infection; and (c) positive COVID-19 test results.

• Isolation and quarantine protocols based on CDC testing and tracing protocols have been established and will be enacted as required. This includes residential options for on-campus housing as well as residential instructions for recuperating at home.

• Establishment of UNF COVID-19 Healthcare Coordinator; Medical Advisory Group; Behavioral Health Team.
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Members of the UNF community will collaborate with our local healthcare and SUS partners to plan and execute contact tracing and surveillance activities on campus.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• Tracing will be accomplished collaboratively with the Florida Department of Health-Duval County (FDOH-D). FDOH-D will be responsible for tracing outside the campus, while trained faculty, staff, and students will be responsible for tracing on the campus. UNF has identified a colleague from FDOH-D with whom we will collaborate during the contact tracing process.

• The UNF COVID-19 Healthcare Coordinator is authorized by FDOH-D to direct tracing activities on the UNF campus. Student Health Services (SHS) staff members will be trained to perform and teach tracing activities. To date, five SHS staff members and the UNF Associate Athletic Director for Sport Performance have completed training in contact tracing.

• The UNF COVID-19 Healthcare Coordinator and the Senior Director of Housing and Residence Life have identified an appropriate residential facility on our campus, and have set aside what is anticipated to be an appropriate number of rooms (approximately 10), for the isolation or quarantine of residential students. This facility provides direct outdoor access from each room and is conducive to use for isolation purposes. The facility will also contain a satellite clinic operated by SHS with the assistance of our School of Nursing students.

• University will provide isolated residential students with food delivery, laundry, and personal shopping services as needed. Online academic services, as well as telehealth services (SHS and the Counseling Center), will be accessible.

• Public Health faculty and external partners with expertise in epidemiology (from FDOH-D and the Mayo Clinic) will determine infection thresholds and make recommendations to the university’s President and COVID-19 Task Force regarding the tightening of behavioral restrictions.
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UNF will leverage its strengths to utilize a dynamic combination of in-person and technology-driven approaches to course delivery customized to meet the academic and safety needs of our students and faculty.

CLASSROOMS & TECHNOLOGY

• With a clear focus on student success and a personalized experience for each student, there will be increased offerings using remote, distance learning, and mixed-mode methods. Enhanced technology in the classroom, mixed-mode instruction, lecture capture, and other innovative solutions will provide optimal delivery.
• With relatively small class sizes, essential in-person experiential learning will be achieved by optimizing social distancing and a healthy environment for faculty and students.

WELLNESS SUPPORT

• The full array of student support services, and student engagement activities will be offered in a variety of modalities, and UNF is allocating additional resources to these areas to support the success of our students.
• Face-to-face services and activities can be expanded as the environment becomes even more favorable.

TRAINING

• Faculty will receive training in teaching remotely through our Center for Instruction and Research Technology and through partnerships with leading national organizations such as Quality Matters and Educause.

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

• Flexible contingency plans are being built into courses allowing for a shift to entirely remote delivery after Thanksgiving and at any point during the semester.