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Good afternoon,

This weekly update includes an important document about how we will be moving forward in the coming weeks. It was prepared by the working group that is directing our efforts to adapt our operations as we plan our fall semester. This document (also posted at [this link](#) on the [Fall 2020 website](#)) contains some guiding principles that we are using as we continue to make decisions.

**Athletics:** We received good news last week that we have been approved for our second year of provision NCAA Division II membership. I'm grateful that we are able to move forward in this process after the disappointment of our student-athletes' spring season being cut short.

As Athletic Director Troy Dell told our student-athletes last week, we are continuing to review our plans with our conference and according to guidelines from the state and USM, but we are delaying any announcement on season plans for a little while longer.

**Employee information:** I want to repeat an important part of our message from June 9 about staff and faculty returning to campus over the summer: **Supervisors, as directed by your division vice presidents, will determine your work schedule and location.**

Employees are expected to check in using the [FSU Self-Monitoring COVID-19 Check-in](#) web application at [this link](#). You can also find this link on the [Faculty/Staff](#) page on the website. Employees should use the web application every work day. Along with verifying your health if you are planning to report to campus, the application will also allow you to check in when teleworking. Supervisors are notified that an employee has checked in, but they are not given specific health information. (Maintenance and Facilities employees will continue to be screened as they report to work in the Stangle parking lot.) ***If you or any members of your household are showing any symptoms of the virus (see updated CDC list [here](#)), you must not come to campus.***

**Social Compact:** You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks, but I want to introduce you to the Social Compact that we will be expecting everyone at FSU to acknowledge and adhere to as long as we are in this crisis situation. You can read the compact, view a 5-minute training video about how to avoid spreading the COVID-19 virus, and acknowledge that you have done so at [this link](#).

**Blended Classes:** I recommend those who may need additional guidance about our plans for blended (or "hybrid") classes review the email sent yesterday by Interim Provost Mike Mathias. He explains how this combination of online and face-to-face instruction means that a significant

portion of learning activities will be online; time spent physically in the classroom will be significantly reduced but not entirely eliminated. All classes that are not identified as fully online will follow this format. We will have no fully face-to-face classes. (You can review this and other guidance from the Provost at [this link](#).)

**Students With Special Concerns:** I again remind students who have specific concerns regarding the fall semester to email us at [fall2020@frostburg.edu](mailto:fall2020@frostburg.edu). You will be assigned a contact person who will ensure your questions are being addressed by the right department. And continue to check the [www.frostburg.edu/fall2020](http://www.frostburg.edu/fall2020) website. It is being updated regularly.

Stay well and safe,

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