Come Back, ‘Cats
Faculty/Staff Town Hall

August 11, 2020
Testing

• No campuswide mandatory testing required at this time.
• Robust testing capability ready to deploy.
  – Lafene and BRI/VDL have testing capabilities.
• Testing/contact tracing will be conducted per our COVID-19 exposure protocol.
Working remotely

- Those who can work from home are encouraged to do so at least through the fall semester.
- Supervisors are expected to be flexible in accommodating work schedules during this time.
- Guidance available on COVID-19 website in the employees’ section.
Readiness

• Building risk assessments have been conducted.
• Signage being posted.
• Cleaning and disinfecting supplies in place with guidance on use and frequency.
• Physical distancing and face coverings required.
• Buildings opened Aug. 10.
Readiness

• All indoor workspaces, classrooms, laboratories, study areas, dining facilities, reception areas and other common gathering spaces will be arranged to accommodate 6-feet physical distancing.
• Signage will be posted to reflect revised classroom capacity.
• Designated entrances and exits will be posted.
• Stairwells less than six-feet wide are designated as up or down stairs.
Cleaning requirements for classrooms/offices

• Each college/division has a reopening plan that includes cleaning protocols for workspaces.

• Healthy classrooms are essential. Face coverings, physical distancing and enhanced cleaning are required.
  – Classes will end 5 minutes early to allow time for cleaning between class sessions.
  – Classes leaving will spray workspaces used and depart.
  – Arriving classes will wipe down used workspaces.
Cleaning requirements for classrooms/offices

• Technology in classrooms and labs will also be cleaned between classes.
• Training and guidance available on COVID-19 website.
• Departments can order cleaning and disinfecting supplies and face coverings through Facilities Storeroom.
  – Federal funds cover costs through 12/30.
Return To K-State Phases

• Guiding Principles determine status of campuses.
  – Each phase determines gathering sizes.
  – Physical distancing, masks and other health precautions are required in all phases.
  – Triggers matrix will determine university status.

• Currently in Phase 3 of reopening plan.
  – Phase 3 allows for gatherings of up to 50 people with safety precautions mentioned above.

• Advancing or moving back to a particular phase will align with national and local requirements and guidance.
Student questions

• Should we move to all remote instruction, every effort will be made to keep our residence halls open, within safety guidelines.

• Mitigation practices (i.e. sending students home) will be determined from a public health standpoint.

• Should residence hall closure be warranted, we will strive to provide housing for students with demonstrated need.

• Students should plan to arrive at class on time to prevent hallway congestion.
Communications Plan

- Updated plans posted on the “Come Back, 'Cats website.”
- Updates or changes in plans communicated via K-State Today.
Questions?