

Updates on Fall 2020 Reopening

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Colleagues,

August is nearly upon us, and with that comes planning for a fall semester that will be radically unlike any we've previously experienced. I know many of you are in the thick of modifying syllabi and lesson plans or updating schedules and otherwise preparing for our students to return, so I wanted to share the most recent updates from Academic Affairs to assist you in your efforts.

- Our re-opening plan has been certified by SCHEV and is [available online](#). It details many of the modifications the university has put into place to help ensure the safety of our community this fall.
- Earlier today, you received an email about [childminding services](#) being offered by the COE this fall. I'm grateful to the [College of Education](#) for their efforts to establish this service, as you have highlighted childcare as a significant need for faculty and staff. For more information on that program, contact [Rabia Lieber](#).
- This afternoon, students will receive an email from Student Affairs that details their required training related to COVID-19 and actions that they must complete prior to returning to campus. Shortly before the message is sent to students, you will receive a copy of the email so that you will be aware of these requirements and the way they are being communicated to students.
- If you haven't been to the Academic Affairs website lately, I encourage you to visit the [COVID-19 section](#). Your peers from across campus have developed some terrific [resources](#) to assist you in and out of the classroom this fall. Regardless of the modality in which you are teaching, the new [Teaching Toolkit](#) has articles, videos, and podcasts that you'll find helpful, with topics ranging from Accessibility to Equitable Pedagogy. You'll also find answers to common questions on this site, which are updated as we continue to receive new information and make decisions.

I hope you are all finding some time to relax and that you are doing well. Best wishes,
Heather

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