July 23, 2020

TO: President Alger
   Kristi Shackelford
   Andy Perrine

FR: Peter Blake, Director, SCHEV

RE: Review of In-Person Instruction and Campus Reopening Plan

Staff of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) have completed the review of the James Madison University’s plan for in-person instruction and campus reopening. Our determination is that this plan contains the 26 components required to be addressed by Virginia’s “Higher Education Reopening Guidance,” and therefore, is complete and in compliance with the Commonwealth’s expectations.

SCHEV staff will include a link to your plan on our website. We also will share a copy with the Virginia Department of Health.

We encourage the James Madison University to post the plan on its website. If you do, it should be accompanied by the following statement: “This plan has been reviewed by the State Council of Higher Education and has been found to be compliant in containing the required components of the ‘Higher Education Reopening Guidance,’ which was developed in consultation with the Virginia Department of Health.”

If the James Madison University modifies substantively any portion of its plan, or if the Commonwealth requires all institutions to modify their plans, then you should notify SCHEV (at communications@schev.edu) of the modified section(s) and post the changes in the same area of institution’s website as the original plan posting.

The members and staff of the State Council of Higher Education thank the James Madison University for its prompt and thorough attention to this important matter. You can contact us at the email address above with any questions or comments.