

Date: July 28, 2020

To: FMU Students

From: Dr. Kelley C. Kimple, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

Re: Academics and Housing for Fall 2020, Memo #5

Hello FMU Lions,

The beginning of the Fall 2020 semester is almost a month away and the University wants to provide you with the latest updates. Florida Memorial University will be open for the 2020-2021 academic year and has put various safety precautions in place for our campus community amid the global COVID-19 pandemic. The University continues to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and remains fluid as we monitor the local, national and global information. Our Re-opening Task Force has outlined measures that are allowing the University to reopen safely including the wearing of masks, availability of hand sanitizer and wipes, frequent disinfection of common areas and classrooms, social distancing in classrooms and other spaces on campus, reduced number of students in classrooms, and encouragement of frequent hand washing.

Our Re-Opening Task Force is also working on a plan regarding testing for all members of the FMU community. A mobile unit is coming to campus every Thursday to provide COVID-19 testing. The University is mandating that all staff and faculty be tested multiple times over the next few months. Therefore, we request that students coming back to campus, whether as a resident or commuter student, get a COVID-19 test at least one week before coming to campus this Fall. Once you receive your results, please scan and send a copy via email to studenthealthservices@fmuniv.edu

Face-to-Face and Remote Instruction

Florida Memorial University remains committed to academic excellence and the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Responding to the ever-changing dynamics of COVID-19, the University will blend asynchronous (online) and synchronous (real-time) learning, to allow for social distancing. During this semester, there may be courses in which not all enrolled students will meet on the same day in the same space. Additionally, students enrolled in face-to-face courses during Fall 2020 will have the OPTION of receiving instruction in person or virtually in all classes. **Please continue to register for your Fall courses and complete the survey (see the link below) to select how you plan to receive instruction by Friday, August 7.** Faculty will be in direct communication with enrolled students during the first day of Fall classes to confirm how course content will be delivered. We look forward to providing you with a quality and safe educational experience during these challenging times and welcome you back to Lion Country.

The survey link is: [Student Return Survey](#)

Academic Scholarship Recipients (Continuing/Returning Students)

Students that opt to pursue virtual instruction for the Fall semester may use their academic scholarships to offset tuition costs. However, students must meet the academic requirements for renewal. The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships is reviewing renewal eligibility and award letters are being issued. To confirm your financial aid file is complete, FAFSA filers should login to the LION AID SYSTEM. For international students, please email financial.aid@fmuniv.edu should you need to inquire about your status.

For All Other Financial Aid Recipients

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships continues to process for the upcoming academic year. Please be mindful that due to the volume of documents being submitted, the estimated turnaround from the time a student's file becomes complete until the award letter is issued, is approximately 10 business days. Those student's that have been selected for verification should expect an additional 10 to 15-day turnaround time before an award letter is issued.

Housing & Residential Life

We have reduced the capacity within our traditional residence halls to help with social distancing. There will be 2 residents per room in Goode Hall and 2-3 residents per room in Robinson Hall. In the Living Learning Centers, the occupancy will remain the same, as they are set up as suites. It will be very important for all students to do their part by keeping their rooms clean, wearing their masks in public, washing their hands frequently, and social distancing themselves from each other as much as possible.

It is mandatory for all students on campus to wear a face mask in all public spaces outside of your room. Students who do not abide by this mandate will receive a citation and fined, starting at \$50 each time you are found by a staff or faculty member not wearing a mask. If this is a continuous offense, students will go through the judicial process and potentially receive the sanction of being removed immediately from the residence halls and campus.

However, if a student does not feel comfortable residing on campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and you have paid your Housing Deposit, the University will refund the Housing Deposit. Please complete the [Housing and Residential Life Room Deposit Refund Request form](#) by **Friday, August 7, 2020** to submit a request for your refund. You must use your FMU email address to submit your request so make sure it is active.

Residence Hall Move-In Plan

In accordance with CDC guidelines and government authorities, the Office of Housing and Residential Life has established a plan that focuses on the health and safety of our residents. We are working to ensure that all residents have a great move-in experience, which includes temperature checks and assigned times and days to promote physical distancing in residence halls. Only two people may assist residents with moving into the residence hall.

New/Incoming Students Move-In:

- Friday, August 14, 2020 & Saturday, August 15, 2020
 - Robinson Hall
 - 2nd Floor: 9am-2pm
 - 1st Floor: 3pm-8pm
 - Goode Hall
 - Even Room # 9am-2pm
 - Odd Room # 3pm-8pm

Returning Students Move-In for Living Learning Centers 1, 2, 3, & 4:

- Tuesday, August 18, 2020
 - 3rd Floor: 9am-12pm
 - 2nd Floor: 1pm-4pm
 - 1st Floor: 4pm-7pm
- Wednesday, August 19, 2020
 - 3rd Floor: 9am-12pm
 - 2nd Floor: 1pm-4pm
 - 1st Floor: 4pm-7pm

Please understand the pandemic has affected several elements in the world and on campus. Therefore, be mindful that due to lowering our occupancy in the residence halls, students may not get the type of room they requested. Remember that rooms are first come, first served depending on when students paid their deposit. The Housing and Residential Life staff is doing their best to meet as many requests as they can, but unfortunately some students will not get their preferred room. The most important thing at this point is that you have a room on campus.

Continue to monitor your FMU email and check our website at <https://www.fmuniv.edu/updates/> for updates.