

Date: August 22, 2020

To: FMU Students

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

Re: Protecting the Lion Pride: Importance of following COVID-19 Mandates, Memo #6

Hello FMU Lions,

The University community is excited to start the Fall 2020 semester on Monday. We are rolling out new academic programs, such as gaming and esports and healthcare administration, new athletic teams, including football, flag football and softball, and The ROAR Marching band. There will be opportunities to engage with student life through small group activities within the residence halls, Thursday night movies on the lawn, virtual talent shows, and more. We understand the importance of being on campus in that it provides students with the support and guidance needed to successfully progress toward attaining their degree.

For the University to continue allowing students on campus, it is imperative for students to abide by the following COVID-19 mandates:

- **Wear a mask/face covering in all public spaces, both inside buildings and outside while walking around campus.**
 - **Miami-Dade County will fine individuals \$100 for not wearing a mask or facial covering.**
- **Physically distance yourself from people; CDC guidelines suggest putting at least 6 ft between you and other people.**
- **Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer when soap isn't available.**
 - **Also, it's important to keep your living spaces clean and sanitized; add it to your daily routine.**

- **Starting Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, No outside visitors, except parents/guardians when necessary, will be allowed on campus and/or in the residence halls; this helps to lower the risk of the virus spreading on campus.**
- **Don't have or attend large close gatherings as we know attending these is one of the quickest ways to spread the virus.**

Our goal is to keep everyone on campus safe and healthy during this academic year. It's on all of us to do our part in Protecting the Lion Pride!

Students who fail to follow these mandates are subject to the following consequences:

1. First offense not wearing mask/face covering and/or not practicing physical/social distancing -- Warning and educational sanction
2. Second offense -- fined \$50 and housing probation (residents)/limited access to campus for classes only (commuters)
3. Third offense -- fined \$100 and housing suspension for semester (residents)/unable to participate in student organizations and extracurricular activities (commuters)

Any University staff or faculty member can give students a citation.

This is a very serious virus we are dealing with and we need everyone to take it seriously. If all students do not follow these mandates, it could potentially lead to an outbreak and the University would be forced to close the residence halls, send everyone home and/or to live off campus elsewhere.

It's important for each us of to Protect the Lion Pride.