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To: FMU Students

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

RE: Updated COVID-19 University Mandates

Hello FMU Lions,

At the start of the academic year, the University communicated to students the importance of Protecting the Lion Pride by following the COVID-19 mandates spelled out in the memo from August 22, 2020. To refresh your memory and reinforce the seriousness of the situation, here are renewed COVID-19 mandates:

- **Properly wear a mask/face covering (fully over your nose and mouth, and not under your chin) in all public spaces, both inside buildings and outside while walking around campus, even if you are by yourself.**
- **Miami-Dade County will fine individuals \$100 for not wearing a mask or facial covering.**
- **Florida Memorial University 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. Purchase your cleaning supplies; add it to your daily routine.**
- **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.**
- **FMU Residents are the only students allowed within any of the residence halls, including the lobby.**
- **FMU Commuter students will no longer be allowed in the residence halls, not even in the lobby.**
- **Don't have or attend large gatherings as we know attending these is one of the quickest ways to spread the virus.**

- **If you have either tested positive for COVID-19 or come in close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for a prolonged period of time, or at least 15 minutes) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is displaying COVID-19 symptoms, contact my office immediately.**

Unfortunately, the University has received numerous reports from students, staff, and faculty that many students are not following these mandates. Due to the lack of consideration shown by students for our community we've experienced an increased number of individuals, primarily students, who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last few days.

Per our Standards of Conduct within the current Student Handbook, under Immediate Threats, pg. 58:

"The University reserves the right to immediately revoke or limit attendance and/or housing privileges for any student who poses an immediate threat to other students, faculty or staff...Any student violating this policy will be immediately removed from campus, especially where proof is self-evident (e.g., caught in the act)...Under this provision, a student may be immediately and involuntarily withdrawn from enrollment if, in the discretion of the administration and/or the Judicial Affairs committee, the safety of the university community is threatened or compromised. The student has no right to appeal such a decision."

To prevent further spikes in our cases on campus, the University is moving to a zero-tolerance approach to those not abiding by these mandates. **From this point on, any student who is found not following the mandates, will be removed from campus immediately and have their housing privileges revoked until further notice.** The COVID-19 pandemic is a serious health crisis for the nation and anyone who is not willing to play their role in keeping our community safe and healthy, should not live on campus.

Understand our primary goal is to keep everyone safe during this pandemic, but it's challenging to accomplish this goal if everyone doesn't follow the rules. It's on all us to Protect the Pride!