



# FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Date: August 12, 2021  
To: FMU Students  
From: Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, President  
Re: Welcome Back for Fall 2021

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Lions, we are excited to welcome you to the Lion Pride for the Fall 2021 semester. You and your family made the right choice to pursue your education at Florida Memorial University. As a student-centric university, our faculty and staff are committed to ensuring that you have a rewarding college experience by providing high-touch support and challenging you academically. Equally exciting is that we are here to help you Own Your Excellence.

During a new academic year, college campuses around the country become alive with new and returning students. It is an opportunity for new students to develop new relationships and current students to reconnect with their peers. Although the pandemic limited our ability to come together last year, we are looking forward to having a safe but vibrant campus life that is full of educational, social, and athletic activities. Our newly-wireless campus now offers more technological amenities to make your experience more meaningful and rewarding.

We continue to monitor the recent spike in COVID-19 cases nationwide and want you to know your FMU leadership team has been hard at work to ensure everyone's safety while on campus. Our university will continue to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations. Additionally, it is important to note that you are asked to play your part in helping us to protect the pride. Below are just a few critical guidelines we ask you to follow throughout the semester:

- **All students, faculty, and staff must test upon arrival on campus and weekly thereafter, even if you are vaccinated.** Testing hours are as follows in the lobby of the Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts:
  - Monday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 11:45 a.m.*)  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 4:45 p.m.*)



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- Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 11:45 a.m.*)  
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  - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 11:45 a.m.*)  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 4:45 p.m.*)
  - Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 11:45 a.m.*)  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (*last group tested at 4:45 p.m.*)
  - Friday NO TESTING
- Once you receive a negative test result you will be issued a wristband to show you are cleared to be on campus, and can access any public areas including residence halls, classrooms, labs, offices, the dining hall, and other common areas. Wristbands are color-coded for each week. Our safety and security team are actively monitoring to make sure everyone's wristband is current.
  - All campus COVID-19 protocols remain active, including social distancing and wearing a mask or facial covering over your nose and mouth.
  - We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated. The vaccine protects you, your family, and the community. If you have already had COVID-19 in the past, it is still recommended that you get vaccinated to protect against reinfection. To find your nearest vaccination site, please use the [Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Vaccine Finder](#).
  - The [COVID-19 Compact](#) is an agreement all Lions must follow to Protect the Pride. Please click [here](#) to acknowledge you have read, understand, and remain committed to the COVID-19 Compact before you return to campus.

We invite you to review our full [Protecting the Pride Plan](#), which has more detail on our COVID-19 protocols. Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our Lion family. We look forward to seeing you this Fall and having an enjoyable academic year.

Go Lions!