



President's Office

July 27, 2020

Dear AU Miami Community,

Please receive a warm greeting. I write to you today to provide an update on our planning efforts related to the fall reopening of the Miami campus and the return of faculty, staff, and students. While Florida is gradually reopening, the University will be implementing a staggered process to resume certain face-to-face operations on campus. The face-to-face administrative activities of the Miami Campus will be gradually resumed with the minimum necessary personnel, as soon as the current circumstances allow. The units will continue to operate with physical distance measures throughout the next semester.

Similarly, the academic activities in the Fall semester, which begins on August 31, 2020, will continue to be offered remotely, except for the laboratories and clinical practices that will be available in person. Program directors will have two days a week to bring in students as needed for labs, exams, doctoral project, or anything that requires a face-to-face meeting. The gradual resumption of face-to-face work will be a phased process and combines elements developed during the past months to protect the health of the entire university community but also opens the doors to a gradual resumption of face-to-face work. We want to make all the university services available to the student community, while doing everything possible to protect our employees' safety. This process will be carried out responsibly and in compliance with the certifications established in the reopening orders that have been authorized by the government, OSHA and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). This process is guided by the Albizu University COVID-19 Recovery Plan towards a New Normal and Exposure Control Guidelines which is available on our website www.albizuinfo.com.

This transition requires a personal commitment from each community member to do their part in helping to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. Consistent with federal, state, and local guidelines, the following measures will be followed:

- Each member of the community is expected to supply their own mask or face covering, which should be worn at all times. Reusable masks should be cleaned daily. If necessary, the university will provide other essential supplies needed.
- All community members, including vendors and visitors, should follow recommendations regarding physical distancing, both inside and outside of the building.
- Each community member is expected to wash their hands frequently and properly (e.g. for 20 seconds with soap and water) or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol content).
- Each community member (faculty, staff, and students) is expected to monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis. Any individual who is symptomatic should not come to school or work and should contact their primary care provider.
- Domestic travel should be limited and travel sponsored by the University or for University business must first be approved by the President.

- Outside of in-person class sessions, meetings that can be held virtually should continue to be held virtually, and large gatherings should be avoided.

Human Resources conducted a New Normal Training to all staff and directors. Training for Faculty and Tutors will be in August.

We look forward to beginning the fall semester with limited on-campus, in-class instruction. However, the classroom environment will be somewhat different in order to reduce the risk to students and faculty. Some of these changes include:

- Classrooms that will seat fewer students
- Teaching space - will provide sufficient room for faculty to move about while maintaining a safe distance from the front row of students.
- Cleaning and sanitizing classrooms – Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every day and night and in between class times.
- Face coverings – Students and faculty are always required to wear face coverings during class and on campus

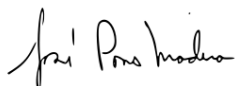
In compliance with guidelines from the CDC, the University has been and will continue to implement enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols across campus. Classrooms, restrooms, and common areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily. The AU Facilities team has begun installing hand sanitizing stations in public areas around campus.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to provide the best teaching, learning, and working environments for our faculty, students, and staff. AU is committed to the health and well-being of all members of its community.

We know that returning to this new normal will entail a period of adaptation and adjustment for all members of the university community; therefore, we invite you to communicate the challenges and concerns that arise during this process to address them adequately.

The university administration will carefully follow the recommendations related to the pandemic's future and make the necessary adjustments as circumstances change. I ask for your collaboration in this process.

Cordially,



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President