Our Plan Forward is a comprehensive guide for students, faculty, staff, and our community on what the fall semester will entail. It is a living yet flexible document as our understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic and best practices to address the virus evolve.

During the town hall meeting hosted by the Faculty Senate we received hundreds of questions ranging from screening and testing, health and safety guidelines, academics, human resources policies, to name a few. We encourage you to check the following sites for the latest information and updated FAQs:

- For the Fall 2020 Reopening Plan details, visit Our Plan Forward
- For information the Screen Test and Protect initiative and COVID-19 prevention on campus, and much more, visit UF Health
- For the latest federal updates as well as information about how to prevent COVID-19, visit the CDC
- For the latest Florida-specific information, visit the Florida Department of Health
- Visit the Human Resources site for guidance in returning to the workplace
- For a list of available resources for student, faculty, and staff, visit Our Plan Forward

As we work diligently to answer your questions, below are a few answers to some of the questions posed during the town hall:

**Will there be funding, and resources allocated towards food insecurity and housing for students?**
UF's Aid-a-Gator financial assistance program and the UF Hitchcock Field and Fork pantry are available for students and employees experiencing financial hardships.

**Hundreds of students and employees rely on public transportation and it could be very difficult to follow CDC guidelines?**
UF is taking steps to ensure the safety of passengers on our public transit vehicles. For instance, all drivers and maintenance workers as well as passengers are required to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times while onboard UF public transit vehicles. Frequently contacted surfaces such as door handles, handrails, armrests, seat belt buckles, and armrests are cleaned and sanitized every half hour (for our Campus Connector shuttles) and after every passenger trip (for our Campus Cab and Gator Lift vehicles) using EPA-approved products for removing coronavirus. Plexiglas barriers have been installed between the driver and passenger compartments in all transit vehicles. In addition, passenger capacity in Campus Connector Shuttles has been reduced to 33% per shuttle bus to maintain physical distancing among riders; the remaining 67% of seats are identified as unavailable by signage. To view a list of comprehensive measures please visit: https://coronavirus.ufl.edu/forward-students-families/forward-students-families-parking-transporation/

**Childcare has always been a challenge for working families. With parents in Alachua County required to choose a method of instruction, can you speak whether the university will continue to support remote work options?**
The Alternate Work Location provision may be of assistance during this time for some. For others those jobs do not lend themselves to working from home, faculty, and staff may wish or should to discuss options for adjusting their schedules with their supervisors. Eligible employees who are unable to report to work and unable to work remotely may use Emergency Paid Sick Leave. For guidance on taking leave, please visit https://hr.ufl.edu/covid-19/guidance-on-taking-leave/
Could you share some of statistics as how many class sections will be fully online and what % will be face-to-face or hybrid?
Across all undergraduate, graduate and professional courses, 35% of the sections are scheduled to be held in face-face or hybrid modes. The distribution of these courses among colleges will vary considerably, depending on pedagogical needs. An additional 35% of the sections are scheduled to be delivered in synchronous, online format. That means the students will be engaging with the instructor and course activities at a prescribed time over the internet. For additional guidance, please visit https://coronavirus.ufl.edu

Can you clarify the university’s expectations around face coverings while on campus in outdoor settings?
When returning to campus, all students, staff, faculty are asked to wear a mask or cloth face covering when in UF and UF Health facilities, with only a few exceptions for children less than 2 years old or those who are ill. For those who are unable to wear a face covering, face shields will be an acceptable alternative. Face coverings are to be worn in all classrooms, in patient care areas, and when in public/common areas, including lobbies, conference rooms, elevators, stairwells, bathrooms and lounges. Face coverings are also required on employee and visitor shuttles. Exceptions include when in private offices, private workspaces with adequate physical barriers, and well-ventilated outdoor spaces where appropriate physical distancing can be maintained. The university’s policy on masking and social distancing can be found here https://policy.ufl.edu/policy/masking-and-physical-distancing/

What about individuals who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons?
For those who are unable to wear a face covering, face shields will be an acceptable alternative. Face coverings are to be worn in all classrooms, in patient care areas, and when in public/common areas, including lobbies, conference rooms, elevators, stairwells, bathrooms and lounges, on employees and visitors’ shuttles.

Will UF retest employees after a certain period?
It is possible that UF Health Screen Test & Protect will encourage testing for faculty, staff and students again. There are certain circumstances where retesting would be recommended. For instance, anyone with fever or symptoms of COVID-19 should leave campus and arrange for testing through UF Health or anyone who is told they have come in contact with an infected person and that infection is likely will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days and testing will made available and is recommended.

We will continue to update the FAQ sections within Our Plan Forward website to maintain the UF community informed.