



## *From the Dean's Desk*

We're just three weeks into the Fall 2020 semester and it's already evident that the coming months will look different on campus. This 44<sup>th</sup> *From the Dean's Desk* takes a look at health and wellness protocols in place to help us navigate coronavirus COVID-19.

If you're back on campus for any in-person classes you have noticed numerous signs encouraging distancing, hand washing, capacity limits in the elevators and even some closures, like those on the doors of our upstairs CFHLA Student Lounge. All of this signage is aimed at keeping us at least six feet apart to reduce the spread of COVID-19, which health and safety officials say spreads quickly when people are close together. There is also a great deal of signage about face coverings. We have a vending machine on campus near the bookstore that dispenses one face covering per person with a valid UCF ID. For students in need of more face coverings, who are unable to purchase them due to financial constraints, we are arranging to have a supply in the [Knights Helping Knights Pantry @ Rosen College](#), which is located in the hallway near the Darden Auditorium. Due to coronavirus COVID-19, Pineapple Pantry has had to alter its pantry hours to by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please email us at [pineapplepantry@ucf.edu](mailto:pineapplepantry@ucf.edu). Face coverings are required to be worn in all inside common spaces or when in close proximity to others. There's a great new video about how to properly wear face coverings. You can find it [here!](#)



The campus may look a bit sparsely populated as we only have about 30% of students, faculty and staff on campus on any given day. This is to reduce the amount of contact we all may have with each other. If you do plan to come to campus, we also ask that all students, faculty and staff complete their [COVID training and daily self-checker](#). Use the self-checker each day to ensure you are monitoring your health for COVID-9 symptoms. Many classes are mixed-mode or fully online. Our professors have adapted to make learning outside the classroom engaging by having video course exercises, guest speakers and Zoom group projects. It's a different college experience for all of us, but we are delivering the same high-quality, comprehensive education, based on sound research, which has raised our college's ranking to number 1 ranking in the nation and number 2 in the world.

UCF's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) remain a source of help for students struggling to cope with the effects of the pandemic. Students who need assistance, including after hours, can reach out to CAPS by calling 407-823-2811 or visiting <http://caps.sdes.ucf.edu>.

Rosen Knights, armor up with face coverings, wash you hands, maintain physical distancing and follow all health and wellness guidelines. We're protecting the kingdom so we can get through this together!

Charge On!

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