

Special Called Meeting of the Pandemic Response Team

November 16, 2020

Zoom

11:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Dr. George Pimentel, President
Dr. Larry Bailey, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Steve Cornelison, Director of Athletics
Patrick Davis, Dean of Academic Support
Meda Falls, Director of Savannah Center
Heather Freeman, Administrative Assistant to the President
Jessica Gelinas, Classified Council Representative
Janiah Kyle, SGA Representative
Robin Marek, Interim Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Liz Mayo, Faculty Council Representative
Shannon Mayo, Coordinator of Paris Site
John McCommon, Director of Public Relations and Marketing
Dana Nails, Representative for the Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs
Linda Nickell, Dean of Students
Dr. Tom Pigg, Dean of Health Sciences and CIT
Lisa Rojas, Director of Humboldt Center
Will Shull, Professional Technical Council Representative
Sandy Stanfill, Director of Lexington Center
Preston Turner, Director of Physical Plant
Amy West, Director of Human Resources
Leslie West Sands, Dean of Nursing
Shane Young, Chief of Police

1. Welcome

Dr. Pimentel began the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

2. Discussion

- **Increase in Covid-19 numbers:**

Madison County Regional Health Department issued a mask mandate from 12:01 a.m. on November 14, 2020 to 11:59 p.m. on December 29, 2020 due to:

- increased number of Covid-19 positive cases in Madison and surrounding counties
- stress on the West Tennessee Healthcare system with Jackson Madison County General Hospital close to capacity.

- **JSCC Operational Level**

JSCC would like to ensure we are doing our part to keep students, faculty and staff safe and not cause additional strain on our healthcare system. The Team discussed and agreed to move from operating level two to operating level three. Most offices and academic divisions are already following protocols in level three.

Currently, walk-in activity is low. Students and guests are using appointments and completed Covid-19 screenings to access campus. The primary differences in the operating levels are the number of individuals allowed in group gatherings from fifty in level two to ten in level three.

Campus will remain open with students being served. Employees will rotate between working from home and in office. Employees that are unable to work from home should report to campus and follow safety protocols of wearing masks and social distancing. Off campus centers will rotate staff and keep the centers open.

Hybrid classes will follow the current procedures. There have been no documented on campus transmissions of Covid-19. The protocols being followed are working. Student clinicals will follow the lead of the clinical sites.

All athletic teams have completed their fall practice season. Teams will continue working in groups of no more than four with a coach.

- **Action Item:**

Dr. West Sands made the motion and seconded by Dr. Mayo to change the language in operating level three from “No in-person meetings or gatherings with more than 10 individuals. Select large events possible.” to “No in-person meetings or gatherings with more than 10 individuals.” A vote was taken with no opposed. The motion passed and the language will be updated in the JSCC Phased Reopening Plan before being communicated to campus.

- **Communication on Operational Level**

The operational status will be updated on the JSCC website and e-mails will be sent to campus and students. The message will highlight the differences in the levels.

- **Clinical Exposures**

The team discussed length of quarantine with clinical exposures. Students in clinical settings should not be exposed to isolated or Covid-19 positive patients. However, from time to time, faculty and students in clinical settings are exposed to patients that are not confirmed Covid-19 positive until after the contact. Not knowing the patient was

Covid-19 positive, appropriate PPE may not have been worn. In that situation, JSCC will continue to follow protocol of the fourteen day quarantine for the exposed individual. If proper PPE is worn in clinical settings with Covid-19 patients, quarantine is not necessary.