

## **Pandemic Response Team**

**March 3, 2021**

**Zoom**

**9:00 a.m.**

### Attendees:

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

### Absent:

Shiloh Coleman, SGA Representative

- **Welcome**  
Dr. George Pimentel began the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- **Case Report Updates:**
  - **Employee Report:**
    - Number of employee positives: 0
    - Number of employee quarantines: 1

- **Student Report:**
  - Number of student positives: 0
  - Number of student quarantines: 2
- **Guest Report:**
  - No Covid-19 positive or quarantine reports for campus guests.
- **Athletic Department Report:**
  - Number of athlete positives: 1
  - Number of athlete quarantines: 1
- **Operational Status**

As case numbers improve, we will move the college operational status down. For now, events/classes will be considered by this Team on a cases by case basis. Covid-19 positives will continue to be monitored for JSCC's service area. Once the spring semester is over and if positive case numbers stay low, we will move to the next level and begin transiting toward normal with summer.

In trying to develop a fall schedule and seeing a large reduction in positive case numbers with students being vaccinated, the Health Science division is working toward returning to a more normal environment for fall with class lectures. They intent to pair students and keep the pair socially distanced from the rest of the class. They are developing alternate plans should case numbers rise and they need to pivot to a virtual environment.

For fall, Dr. Pimentel would like to see a third of our classes back face to face, preferably classes for learning support being included. A discussion of allowing students to determine the course offerings and modality was discussed. Classes can be built but hidden. As face to face sections fill, another can be offered. The same with online and FLEX. It allows maximum flexibility to meet demand. The offering of more face to face classes while still providing a safe environment should be advertised and shared with campus.

- **Vaccination Site Update**

Colleges have received TBR guidance on staffing and pay for support of a vaccination site. There are still many questions to be addressed. A call is scheduled for the afternoon of March 4<sup>th</sup> for college point of contacts to meet with the Tennessee Department of Health to ask questions.

JSCC offered main campus, and the Humboldt, Lexington, and Savannah centers as potential vaccination sites. We have been asked to submit prioritization on sites offered by this Friday. The Team discussed the space challenges at the off campuses centers and felt they may not meet the need for a vaccination site. Main campus has the space to better handle the flow of traffic. Amy West, JSCC's point of contact will ask if JSCC's main site is chosen, will vaccines only be provided to Madison County residents. She has also expressed JSCC's support to be a vaccination site to West Tennessee Healthcare.

TBR has also provided a budget template, budget instructions, and compensation model/guidelines. The compensation model has been approved by the Tennessee Department of Health. Students credentialed to administer vaccines will be paid \$20 an hour. Full-time employees credentialed to administer vaccines will be paid \$40 an hour. They have also approved information related to the indirect cost rate. A staffing and budget plan is due to TBR by Friday.

- **Pinning Receptions**

As plans are being discussed for program pinning ceremonies, the question of allowing refreshments at the events was presented. The Team discussed and felt best that if refreshments were provided, they should be individually wrapped.

- **Graduation**

Jackson State Community College is planning to hold an in-person graduation ceremony in May. Logistics and safety protocols are still being developed. All graduates that indicate they would like to participate will be allowed, if they meet the communicated deadline.

If a program elects to have a pinning ceremony serve as their graduation ceremony, it will be supported. After further discussion, all programs would like to keep their pinning and the graduation ceremony separate allowing students the option to participate in both.

- **Kiosk monitoring system**

As we move toward reopening campus, we need to consider how JSCC will utilize the temperature kiosks. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

- **Cancelled meeting**

With next week being mid-term break, the Pandemic Response Team meeting schedule for March 10 is cancelled.