

## **Pandemic Response Team**

**October 27, 2021**

**Zoom**

**9:00 a.m.**

### Attendees

Dr. George Pimentel, President  
Dr. Kyle Barron, Vice President of Student Services  
Steve Cornelison, Director of Athletics  
Dr. Patrick Davis, Dean of Academic Support  
Tim Dellinger, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs  
Heather Freeman, Administrative Assistant to the President  
Timaria Glenn, SGA Representative  
Kristina Martin, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Liz Mayo, Faculty Council Representative  
Shannon Mayo, Coordinator of Paris Site  
Dr. Tom Pigg, Dean of Health Sciences and CIT  
Lisa Rojas, Director of Humboldt Center  
Christi Tall, Classified Council Representative  
Patti Tanski Mego, Professional Technical Council Representative  
Sandy Stanfill, Director of Lexington Center  
Preston Turner, Director of Physical Plant  
Amy West, Director of Human Resources  
Dr. Leslie West Sands, Dean of Nursing

### Absent:

Meda Falls, Director of Savannah Center  
Shane Young, Chief of Police

- **Welcome**  
Dr. Pimentel began the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
  
- **COVID-19 Positive Case/Quarantine Report - (quarantines are unvaccinated exposures)**
  - Faculty/Staff – 0 positives 0 quarantines
  - Student – 2 positives 2 quarantines
  - Guest – 0 positives 0 quarantines
  - Athletics – 0 positives 0 quarantines

- **Gym and Fitness Center:**

The team discussed and agreed to keep the open access to the gym and fitness center closed to all but athletes for the remainder of the fall semester. We anticipate a return to normal access in the spring but will monitor community case numbers closely.

- **Mask Mandate:**

The team discussed JSCC's current mask mandate and when to lower the requirement of masks on campus. Dr. Mayo shared results from a poll of full-time faculty gaging their thoughts on continuing to require masks on campus. Amy West spoke with the Director of the Jackson Madison County Regional Health Department for additional guidance. The Health Department uses the CDC data tracker tool found at the following link.

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>

The data can be broken down by county. Community transmission is calculated by taking a seven day average of the number of new cases per 100,000 people and the percentage of positive tests. That average is broken into four categories of transmission risk: high, substantial, moderate, or low. Each level has a recommended mask protocol.

Today Madison County moved from a high community transmission level to a substantial community transmission level. The team discussed monitoring pending legislation and using the CDC data tracker as an indicator for campus mask protocols.

**Team Vote on Mask Protocols:**

Dr. Tom Pigg made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Patrick Davis to monitor the CDC data tracker for two weeks before making a change on our current mask protocols. Dr. Barron noted at that time, it would give us two weeks left in the fall semester. No other discussion occurred. A vote was taken with no opposed. JSCC will keep the mask requirement for two weeks, monitor the CDC data tracker for Madison County, and review our county transmission level at the next Pandemic Response Team meeting.

Dr. Pimentel will draft language to mirror the CDC's four levels of community transmission and the associated mask protocols that can be updated in our public documents and shared with campus. He will send the language to the Pandemic Response Team for review and feedback.