



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Raven Nation:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and entire Franklin Pierce community, please know how happy we are to see our campus come alive with the enthusiasm and excitement that you brought these past weeks. As we end the first full week of classes, I would like to share with all of you --- students and parents --- an update on our health and safety precautions.

The University has worked tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare for your return, and we are confident in the guidelines and preventative measures we have in place. I must however, offer some words of caution. While we are off to an exceptional start, we remain in a pandemic. As expected, we encountered COVID-19 on campus, with six positive cases identified.

This news can create anxiety, but please know that our community is in this together. I encourage you to take advantage of the resources the University offers. Health and safety information can be found on the [Ravens Return FAQs webpage](#). If you have concerns, worries or simply wish to talk with a counselor, reach out to counseling@franklinperce.edu to schedule an appointment.

To protect the health and safety of Raven Nation and our community in the coming weeks, it is absolutely crucial you remain committed to the health and safety guidelines we put in place and follow the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. These guidelines apply not only when you are in the classroom and to campus life, but extend to all of your activities within our surrounding community and anywhere you go this semester.

Right now, the national news headlines report that many institutions have cancelled their in-person fall terms. Several high-profile instances attribute these occurrences to students who refused to socially distance, wear facemasks and follow basic health protocols at off-campus parties.

We each play a critical role in our collective public health outcomes. It falls upon all of us and personal accountability to ensure that we do everything we can to safeguard the Franklin Pierce community and neighboring towns. The best way we can do this is to abide by our health and safety guidelines. I ask that you maintain social distance, wear your facemasks, and limit your interactions off-campus.

Together, we have prepared not only to complete the semester on the Rindge campus, but to complete a semester unlike any other in the history of Franklin Pierce University. We will celebrate the friendships and the enriching experiences we shared with one another.

Embrace your studies and enjoy this time Ravens!

Sincerely,

Kim Mooney '83
President

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