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A Message from the President

July 20, 2020

Fellow Hawks,

We are eagerly awaiting the start of the 167th academic year at Huntingdon College! Our world has certainly changed since students were last on campus in March, and we have spent intervening months preparing for our College community to return to the Home We Love So Well. August seemed like a long way away in March; but it’s now upon us, and we are looking forward to seeing you.

Because we are in a pandemic, the College is implementing a number of health and wellness protocols to promote the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and the communities with whom we interact. Today, I am writing to share with you Huntingdon’s Best Start Initiative. There are several important things to share about this document and a number of positive enhancements to Campus life to tell you about:

- Please read this entire document carefully. This will be the first of several communications to be sent to you in the coming days. Be sure to check your Huntingdon e-mail daily and respond to action items that will be required of all of us in the Huntingdon Family.

- Huntingdon is participating in the State of Alabama’s COVID-19 re-entry testing for higher education institutions. You will be receiving additional information about this along with instructions. **It is critical that you promptly respond to the testing protocol.**

- All students – residential and commuter students, new and returning students – will be required to complete a check-in during the week of August 3-9. As part of the check-in, all students will complete a health and wellness questionnaire, sign any outstanding financial aid paperwork and other College documents, and obtain textbooks and other information resources. Residential students checking-in will also receive room keys and move into their residence halls. The staggered dates for check-ins and move-ins will enable us to reduce the number of students returning to Campus at one time.

- Classes will be taught in-person beginning with the first day of class, August 10. A number of large venues normally not used for instructional purposes will function as classrooms in order to provide physical distancing. This includes Ligon Chapel, Drum Theater, Roland Arena, the Band Rehearsal Hall, Smith Recital Hall, and the room which formerly housed the bookstore in the Roland Student Center. There will be social distancing employed in all classrooms. Class times have been altered to provide additional meeting time slots. Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes will now be 50 minutes instead of 60. Tuesday and Thursday classes will meet for 60 minutes instead of 75.
• All students, faculty and staff will be given a Huntingdon mask upon re-entry to the College. Face masks or face coverings will be required of all students in all indoor classrooms. As weather permits and if appropriate, I encourage small classes and small groups to take advantage of our beautiful 12-acre Green to hold class discussions where social distancing can be accomplished.

• The College has increased our number of residential beds located in College-owned houses and apartments in the Neighborhood Campus to reduce the number of students living in residence halls. Residents will not be required to wear masks inside their room, cluster, suite, apartment or house.

• ARAMARK, our food service provider, has agreed to provide continuous serving throughout the day, and to extend service hours in the evening, in order to reduce density in the Dining Hall. Numerous heavy-construction picnic tables, as well as two large tents, have been purchased to encourage students to enjoy outdoor dining as weather permits. A food truck has also been purchased to provide alternatives to indoor dining. The seating capacity of the Dining Hall will be reduced, and plexiglass dividers will create separation side-to-side as well as face-to-face. Students will still be able to sit together.

• Creativity and flexibility will be needed by our student organizations to create as much of a normal student life experience as possible given health and wellness protocols. To discourage students of legal drinking age from socializing in local bars, alcohol will be allowed in College-owned houses, apartments and residence halls for students 21 or over following certain guidelines. Additionally, an evening space will be established in The Grove to provide an outdoor gathering space where students can congregate for social events and alcohol can be consumed by those of legal drinking age, on certain nights with guidelines.

• We’re all in this together. Each of us has a responsibility to protect our own health and to make good decisions which enable us to promote everyone’s health and safety. All members of the Huntingdon Family will be asked to sign the Huntingdon College Community Compact giving our consent to participate in health screenings, testing, and contact tracing; to engage in good health and hygiene; and to be intentional in wearing face masks or face coverings in public buildings, social distancing and altering our personal behaviors to protect our own health and the health and wellness of our fellow Hawks.

• Additionally, all students will be asked to sign an Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability related to COVID-19. We know that in-class instruction and a residential living environment puts students at a greater risk for contracting COVID-19 than an online education students receive from their personal residence. We will make an online education available to any student who requests an alternate delivery of educational content other than in-class instruction and/or who chooses not to sign the Community Compact and the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability. Students who request and receive this accommodation will not be allowed to live in Campus housing or participate in athletics or any other Campus activities during the Fall Term.

As I mentioned in my message to the College community on July 16, we are focused on providing Huntingdon’s distinctive residential campus experience this Fall for students who want the full complement of in-class learning, residential living, and co-curricular engagement in Campus activities.
Working together, we give each of us and the College collectively an opportunity to have the **Best Start** possible to this academic year.

Faithfully Your President,

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The Foundation Preparation and Response

Based on public health circumstances, guidance and protocols will likely change, sometimes abruptly. Therefore, these documents will likely be revised periodically in response to changing public health information.

COVID-19:

The primary goal of Huntingdon College’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic is to promote the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and the communities with whom we interact, and to maintain our tradition of providing a unique, residential liberal arts experience for students from diverse backgrounds, while promoting a consistent individual and institutional economic stability.

RISKS CAN BE MITIGATED, NOT ELIMINATED:

As Huntingdon College’s response to COVID-19 has been developed and updated as new information becomes available, the Alabama Department of Public Health has confirmed that COVID-19 spread continues throughout Alabama and surrounding states. This underlying fact has informed our planning and will inform our operations and protocols moving forward. There will be cases. But strategies have been developed to focus on ways that we can continue to educate our community to better avoid infection; reasonably modify our physical surroundings and actions; promote testing and tracing; focus on those at risk; and assist those who are infected to seek treatment.
EDUCATE AND PROVIDE STRUCTURE TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY:

As the Campus reopens for the Fall Term, students, faculty and staff will be provided with and consistently reminded of the basic tenets of reducing COVID spread based on current CDC and/or Alabama Department of Public Health guidelines. The structured environment for Fall 2020 will be substantively different than in the past, but these differences are believed to be essential to providing Campus constituencies with a framework for developing consistent individual and small group daily routines which promote community health.

The College has established a primary goal to provide those who are at lower risk with an opportunity to achieve their educational, athletic, and spiritual goals consistent with restrictions that are necessary to promote public health. An extension of this primary goal is providing vulnerable individuals with reasonable alternative means of program access.

ENHANCE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE VULNERABLE:

The largest segment of our campus population is in the 18-to-24-year-old range. CDC information on COVID-19 evidences a low risk of significant health impact to this population for those without underlying health conditions. However, promoting risk mitigation across all demographics is an important part of providing a safer environment for those most at risk. The CDC has confirmed that people 65 and older, and those with serious underlying medical conditions, are at a significantly higher risk for severe illness than others. Thus, our planning process has necessarily encompassed efforts to protect the more vulnerable.
PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE:

Those who are at lower risk should be provided with an opportunity to achieve their educational, athletic, and spiritual goals, consistent with restrictions that promote public health. Vulnerable individuals should be provided with reasonable alternative means of achieving success.

RESPOND TO CONCERNS AS THEY ARISE:

As COVID cases are identified among the campus community, action will be taken to respond, such as the designation of isolation/quarantine facilities, online or remote academic options for those directly impacted, and following established protocols as individuals return to Campus life.
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Required Testing

To promote health and safety on Campus as part of our comprehensive entry planning, all Huntingdon College students coming to Campus for the Fall Term will receive a free COVID-19 test through Stay Safe Together™, supported by CARES Act funding through the State of Alabama. Within 14 days prior to coming to Campus, students must undergo COVID-19 testing. Those who test negative will be permitted to return. Those who test positive must have medical clearance from a health care provider after quarantine to enter Campus.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 12 weeks, please do not re-test at this time. Instead, provide Huntingdon College a copy of your positive test result and medical clearance from a health care provider to return to Campus. Consult Huntingdon College’s Office of Institutional Health for specific instructions.

You will receive an e-mail within the next few days from testing@staysafetogether.org about accessing your COVID-19 test. Please look for and promptly complete the instructions in the e-mail. Depending on your home address, some students may be required to make an appointment at a local testing facility while other students may receive a home-testing kit. The test involves a nasal swab just inside the nostril, which is easy to self-administer and less invasive than the nasopharyngeal swab you may have seen as another sample collection method.

Our ability to test every student entering Campus this Fall will go a long way in helping us maintain a safe environment. On our Campus, testing will supplement other strategies to maintain a safe environment, such as face masks and face coverings and physical distancing, as well as daily symptom and exposure reporting.
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Huntingdon College Community Compact

I recognize that Huntingdon College is a rare and unique environment where interdependence with each other is heightened by our close-knit community made up of teammates, classmates, roommates, sisters, and brothers. I commit to contributing to campus life in a way that will promote the health and safety of all community members. We can only hope to protect the vulnerable and achieve our academic, athletic, spiritual, and co-curricular goals when we trust, value, and respect one another. I will do my part to limit the spread of COVID-19 by making my own health and safety and that of others a priority. I will abide by any federal, state and local laws and Huntingdon College health guidance and protocols.

I recognize that, based on public health circumstances, guidance and protocols will likely change, sometimes abruptly, and I agree to keep myself informed and to follow any new and/or updated guidance and protocols.

Specifically, I commit to the following:

Screening – Testing – Contact Tracing:

- I will participate in a supervised, daily COVID-19 screening program established by the College.
- I will participate in an ongoing COVID-19 testing program established by the College, including testing before arrival and any time thereafter as requested by the College.
- I will participate in a contact tracing program established by the College, including utilization of the Stay Safe Together exposure notification phone application, and will otherwise share complete information with contact tracers about others who may have been exposed.

Health and Hygiene:

- I have read, understand, and agree to follow the Personal Safety Practices established by the College, including:
  - Frequent hand washing for twenty seconds or longer.
  - Frequent use of hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available.
• I agree to use College-provided cleaning supplies to wipe down surfaces I touch when arriving at and upon leaving a communal or community space.
• I agree to frequently clean my cell phone and other portable electronic equipment.
• I agree to clean my personal living space on a frequent basis.

Face Masks, Social Distancing and other Behavioral Requirements:
• I will wear an appropriate face mask or face covering in all communal spaces, including classrooms, lecture halls, hallways, laboratories, restrooms, building common areas, and indoors or outdoors when within 6ft of any other person, except:
  o I understand that I will not be required to wear a face mask or face covering in my personal living space.
  o I understand that I will not be required to wear a face mask during participation in sponsored athletic activities.
  o I understand that I will not be required to wear a face mask during outdoor exercise activities.
• I will maintain whenever feasible a distance of six feet between myself and any other person, except:
  o I understand that I will not be required to maintain six feet distance from my roommate(s) while in my personal living space.
  o I understand that I will not be required to maintain six feet distance from others during participation in sponsored athletic activities.
  o I understand that I will not be required to maintain six feet distance from others when in a space such as the Library or the Dining Hall where physical dividers are in place.
  o I understand that I will not be required to maintain six feet distance from others with whom I have close personal relationships.
• I will adhere to protocols established by the College for in-person class attendance.
• I will follow directional signs wherever present.
• I will not invite or host non-Huntingdon affiliated individuals, nor Huntingdon affiliates not currently authorized for on-Campus presence, to or on Campus.
• I understand that if I engage in unsafe activities during the Fall 2020 Term, I will notify the Director of Institutional Health, the Dean of Students and/or my coach, and I will follow any protocol established by the College for my return to campus, which may include testing and/or isolation, and/or being assigned to remote instruction for up to the remainder of the Term. For the purposes of this provision, unsafe activities could include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
  o Off-campus gatherings that include non-Huntingdon affiliated persons where social distancing is difficult and/or masks are not worn. Examples include house
parties, backyard barbeques, music concerts, traveling by public transit (except as approved in advance of travel), traveling by airplane (except as approved in advance of travel), swimming in a public pool, going to a gym, going to an amusement park, attending a sporting event, spending time inside a bar or nightclub.

**Commitment to the Huntingdon College Community Compact**

*I, the undersigned, understand that I must adopt behaviors that advance our collective ability to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. I commit to my part and meeting my obligations to my community.*

*If at any point I am unable to meet the commitments I am making to my fellow community members in this compact, I will remove myself from Campus and complete the semester remotely. If I do not take this step myself, I understand that I will have potentially forfeited the privilege of remaining on Campus and, in order to promote health and safety, the College may take administrative action to prohibit me from participating in any in-person Campus activities including athletics.*

Signature of Student: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Name (printed): ______________________________

All students receiving in-class instruction must sign and turn in this form during their official check-in during the week of August 3-9.
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Huntingdon College Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge regarding COVID-19 is continually evolving. The virus is currently believed to spread primarily from person-to-person contact, though it appears that there may have been cases of spread from contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death across all ages, though severity has been found to increase exponentially with age, especially for those aged 65 and older.

Huntingdon College cannot prevent any student from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while attending on-Campus, in-person instruction. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Further, participating in athletics, band, choir, cheer, laboratory classes or living in College owned housing could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. I voluntarily hereby choose to attend on-Campus, in-person instruction, to participate in athletic and/or other co-curricular activities, and to abide by the College’s residential policies. The ability to attend on-Campus, in-person instruction, and to fully participate in its on-Campus programs, is of such value to me and/or my minor child, that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: I voluntarily hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Huntingdon College and its Trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to attending on-Campus, in-person instruction and participating in any co-curricular activities. I understand that this waiver means that I covenant not to bring any claims of liability, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the College, its Trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and other representatives whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any College sponsored program.
CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of Alabama will apply to this agreement.

(PLEASE SIGN EITHER THE BELOW RELEASE(s) OR THE BELOW REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF DELIVERY, BUT NOT BOTH)

Release Required for All Students

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISKS EXPLAINED HEREIN AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

Signature of Student: ______________________ Date: ______________
Name (printed): ___________________________

Release of Parent(s) Required for Students Under the Age of 19

I AM THE PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(s) OF THE MINOR NAMED ABOVE, AND I AGREE, PERSONALLY AND ON BEHALF OF THE MINOR NAMED ABOVE, TO ASSUME THE RISKS EXPLAINED HEREIN AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): ______________________ Date: ______________
Name (printed): ___________________________ Date: ______________
Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): ______________________ Date: ______________
Name (printed): ___________________________ Date: ______________
(Signature of both Parents or Legal Guardians required if more than one)

REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF DELIVERY

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND AM HEREBY REQUESTING AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF DELIVERY OF EDUCATIONAL CONTENT FOR THE FALL 2020 ACADEMIC TERM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ASSUMING THE RISKS NOTED HEREIN. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY CHOOSING AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF DELIVERY FOR EDUCATIONAL CONTENT THAT I WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS, BAND, CHEER, CHOIR, GREEK EVENTS OR ANY OTHER COLLEGE SPONSORED EVENT, NOR WILL I BE ALLOWED TO LIVE IN COLLEGE OWNED HOUSING, NOR WILL I BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE FALL 2020 ACADEMIC TERM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN ACADEMIC CONTENT (such as science labs)
MAY NOT BE DELIVERABLE BY ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND THAT THESE CLASSES, IF REQUIRED BY MY MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY, WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL I RETURN TO THE CAMPUS.

Signature of Student: __________________________ Date: ______________

Name (printed): _______________________________

All students receiving in-class instruction must sign and turn in this form during their official check-in during the week of August 3-9. Students choosing the alternate form of delivery may sign and submit this form to Senior Vice President Anthony Leigh at aleigh@hawks.huntingdon.edu.
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PERSONAL SAFETY PRACTICES

Based on public health circumstances, guidance and protocols will likely change, sometimes abruptly. Therefore, these protocols may be revised periodically in response to changing public health information.

BASIC CDC GUIDELINES:

- All students, faculty and staff should follow basic CDC guidelines:
  - Wash your hands often.
    - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in contact with those outside your normal work area, after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
    - Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow. Dispose of used tissues immediately.
    - If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
    - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

FACE MASKS: Wearing face masks or face coverings greatly reduces the chances of COVID-19 transmission, protecting those around us. By taking individual responsibility for the health of the entire campus, we are working together toward a safe and uninterrupted Fall Term.

- **Face masks or face coverings** must be properly worn (as depicted by CDC guidelines issued to you at re-entry) by all students, faculty and staff inside all College buildings and those who may be attending College sponsored events in non-College buildings.
  - Face masks or face coverings are required to be properly worn in all communal spaces, including classrooms, lecture halls, hallways, laboratories, restrooms, building common areas and indoors or outdoors when within 6ft of any other person, except:
    - Students are not required to wear face masks or face coverings in their personal living space, such as a residence hall room, suite, cluster, or College owned apartment or house.
• Students are not required to wear face masks or face coverings during outdoor exercise activities.
• Students are not required to wear face masks or face coverings during participation in sponsored athletic activities.
  o Faculty and staff are not required to wear face masks or face coverings in the privacy of their own offices.
  o Huntingdon College is providing one washable mask to all students, faculty and staff.
  o Faculty and/or staff in high density/risk areas will be provided with face coverings appropriate to their environment.
  o Service staff are being provided with clean, disposable face coverings.
  o Face masks and/or face coverings should not have any offensive or suggestive material printed on them.
  o Masks that are alarming, such as gas masks, should not be worn.

• Face masks or face coverings should be worn whenever a person is within 6 feet of another person, whether indoors or outdoors. Face masks or face coverings may be removed outdoors in an open space when separated by at least 6 feet from another person or during participation in sponsored athletic activities.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Social distancing is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to the COVID-19 virus and/or slowing its spread. Because people can spread the virus before they know that they are sick, it is important to stay away from others when possible, even if you have no symptoms.

• Students should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) between themselves and any other person, except:
  o Students are not required to maintain six feet distance from roommates while in personal living spaces.
  o Students are not required to maintain six feet from others during participation in sponsored athletic activities.
  o Students are not required to maintain six feet distance from others when in a space such as the Library or the Dining Hall where physical dividers are in place.
  o Students are not required to maintain six feet distance from others with whom they have a close personal relationship.

• Faculty and staff should follow these social distancing practices:
  o Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people.
  o Do not gather in groups.
  o Stay out of crowded places and avoid unnecessary gatherings.
CLEANING OF PERSONAL ITEMS / SPACES: Students, faculty and staff are responsible for keeping their personal items, work and living spaces clean.

- Cell phones, computers and other electronic equipment should be cleaned on a frequent basis.
- Personal lab space, classroom seating and work areas, dining spaces and Library and other study spaces should be cleaned before and after use.
- Personal living spaces should be cleaned on a frequent basis.
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The Fundamentals

Huntingdon College is committed to providing reasonable assurance that its educational environment is consistently monitored as to the presence of COVID-19, to limiting the spread of the virus once detected, and to providing reasonable alternative access to educational programs for those who contract or have been directly exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

To this end, Huntingdon College has secured, through various relationships, the ability to provide initial and/or ongoing testing options for individual and/or group needs. Long standing relationships with local health providers allow the College to have reasonable assurance that those who need care will have access appropriate to conditions. In addition, developing relationships with state agencies and participating in programs designed and administered by leaders in the state public higher education sector are enhancing the College’s ability to identify and limit the scope of potential COVID-19 outbreaks.

Based on public health circumstances, guidance and protocols will likely change, sometimes abruptly. Therefore, these protocols will likely be revised periodically in response to changing public health information.

SYMPTOM/EXPOSURE SCREENING:

- On-Campus faculty and staff must document daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms and/or direct contact with individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Students who will attend in-person classes at the Montgomery Campus are encouraged to provide daily self-screening information to the College a minimum of 14 days prior to returning to Campus.
- Students who will attend in-person classes at the Montgomery Campus will, upon arrival, be required to meet with a designated contact on no less than a daily basis to answer symptom and contact questions and to have a temperature reading taken.
- Daily temperature readings and symptom reporting will be entered into Healthcheck, which is a nationwide, phone app, COVID-19 assessment tool in order to support re-entry and ongoing monitoring.
TESTING:

- No cost initial testing prior to or at re-entry will be required for all students. This initial testing is a part of the Testing for Alabama program and is supported by CARES Act funding through the State of Alabama.
- Testing maybe required for anyone known to have come in direct contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19. “Direct contact” is considered to be within 6ft for a period of 15 minutes or more.
- Periodic random testing may be employed to augment other testing practices.

TRACING:

- **Stay Safe Together** exposure notification app being made available through UAB to all Alabama institutions of higher education. The use of this contact tracking app will be required for all faculty and staff and for all students participating in in-class instruction, athletics, other co-curricular activities, and/or College sponsored social activities.
- Assigned seats in academic settings, activity limitation initiatives developed for each co-curricular activity and encouraged for all students, awareness and education initiatives, and security cameras will augment Stay Safe Together.
- The Director of Institutional Health or her designee will conduct contact tracing interviews with those who test positive or come into direct contact (as defined) with someone who has tested positive.

ISOLATION:

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 during the initial Testing for Alabama program will be encouraged to remain/return home if possible and will be required to isolate for a minimum period of 10 days following a positive test.
- Students who at any point are symptomatic should isolate at home or on Campus for a period of 72 hours with no symptoms AND a minimum of 10 days since symptoms first appeared.
- Students who test positive at any time after re-entry should isolate at home or on Campus for a minimum period of 10 days following a positive test.
- Students who are awaiting test results should isolate until a negative test result is received or for a minimum period of 10 days following a positive test.

QUARANTINE:

- Students who have come in direct contact (as defined) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and who do not want to submit to testing, will be encouraged to leave campus and quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days after their last contact.
HEALTH CARE:

- Huntingdon College has long standing relationships with Baptist Health, ProImpact Sports Medicine and various urgent care facilities. The Director of Institutional Health works to provide all students, faculty and staff with access to health-care appropriate to individual circumstances.

RETURN TO CAMPUS LIFE:

- A medical provider clearance maybe required prior to return to Campus for anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Students, faculty or staff who exhibit symptoms normally associated with COVID-19 who test negative should remain in isolation for a period of 72 hours with no symptoms.
- **Students who have come in direct contact (as defined) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and who do not submit to testing may not return to Campus without medical clearance unless they certify in writing that they have been symptom-free the entire 14 day quarantine period.**
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Classroom and Instructional Strategies

Classroom Strategies

- Physical distancing in the classroom.
  - Use of large spaces as classrooms (LigonChapel, Drum Theater, Roland Arena, Band Rehearsal Hall, Smith 201, Recital Hall, Roland Center former Bookstore, Wilson 208/209).
  - Shorten traditional in-class meetings to provide additional class meeting time slots (MWF classes shortened 10 minutes – TR classes shortened 15 minutes).
- Required use of masks by students in all classrooms.
- No food consumption allowed in any classroom.
- Items for drink must be in resealable container and consumed with minimum impact to mask protocols.
- Faculty located at distance from students and/or located behind a plexiglass shield.
- Enhanced HVAC systems in all classrooms.
- Limited number of classrooms utilized to allow for increased cleaning and sanitation.
- Sanitation stations located at entrance to classrooms.
- Sanitation supplies located in classrooms to allow for beginning of class self-sanitation.
- Specified marked traffic flow in larger spaces to reduce proximity of students to each other while entering and leaving classroom spaces.
- Alternate attendance-taking protocol to reduce proximity of students in line at swipe stations and provide for attendance data for those attending remotely.
- Specific protocols and enhanced personal protective equipment for laboratory and other high-density classes.
- Increased wi-fi capability in classrooms to support alternative instructional strategies.
- Classrooms equipped with adequate audio-visual or other technology devices to support alternative instructional strategies.

Instructional Strategies

- Availability of synchronous and asynchronous online content for students who are temporarily isolated and/or otherwise in need of COVID-related accommodations.
• Increased use of computers by students in classroom settings to reduce the exchange of paper.
• Availability of fully proctored remote testing options.
• Electronic “office hours” to eliminate the need for small-space, in-person consultations and to provide the opportunity for increased one-on-one interaction.
• Out-of-class content designed to augment in-class content, and to encourage moderated interaction between students and faculty.
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FACILITIES

In order to promote the mitigation of possible spread of COVID-19, Huntingdon College has made changes and/or improvements to many of its facilities:

ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY:

- The protocols established to promote the mitigation of COVID-19 spread have necessitated the provision of improved audio-visual technology in all classrooms.
- Wi-Fi capabilities necessary to support synchronous in-classroom activities have been provided and will extend curricular and co-curricular benefits long after COVID-19 in spaces such as the Library, Chapel, Roland Arena and Drum Theater.

SIGNAGE: Signage has been purchased and put in place to:

- Indicate one-directional travel throughout many buildings, including but not limited to one directional stairways and entry-exit doors.
- Promote social distancing.
- Promote adherence to mask protocols.
- Promote hand washing protocols.
- Indicate density reduction in multiple unit restrooms.

LIMITED ACCESS AND/OR SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS FOR OUTSIDE PERSONS:

- Any person walking through Campus who is otherwise unaffiliated with Huntingdon College must wear a mask or other appropriate face covering at all times.
- Outside groups who have traditionally held meetings on Campus have been asked to meet elsewhere for the Fall of 2020.
- Prospective students and their parents will be required to follow specific visitor protocols to include a temperature check, COVID-19 symptom screening, and maintaining social distancing at all times.
- Guest speakers will be required to follow specific visitor protocols to include a temperature check, COVID-19 symptom screening, and maintaining social distancing at all times.
- Vendors must contact the College prior to arriving on Campus and must follow mask and social distance guidelines while on Campus.
• Spectators at athletic events, if allowed, will be limited to a number that allows for social distancing and will be required to wear a mask or appropriate face covering at all times.
• Events which invite public participation and/or large gatherings of students have been cancelled until further notice.

CLEANING/SANITATION:

• The College closed the Campus to all except employees in preparation for students to return in Fall 2020. All sports camps were cancelled, all meetings on Campus by outside organizations were cancelled, voluntary on-Campus work-outs by student athletes were cancelled and summer classes were taught online.
  o The Campus closure has allowed for a “deep cleaning” of all areas.
• As students return for Fall 2020 instruction, residence halls, classrooms, restrooms, weight rooms, locker rooms, athletic training facilities and common areas will receive enhanced treatment and/or cleaning protocols.
  o Residence halls will have cleaning staff present throughout the day with particular attention paid to common bathrooms and other common areas.
  o Staff will periodically clean the in-room and in-cluster bathrooms in Blount Hall.
  o The number of total classrooms utilized by the College for Fall 2020 has been reduced (excluding laboratories).
    ▪ Students will be encouraged to clean classroom surfaces in their immediate proximity using supplies provided upon entry.
    ▪ Classrooms will be cleaned by professional staff or contractors on a frequent basis.
  o Public use restrooms will be cleaned multiple times each day.
  o Cleaning supplies will be made available to all offices with instructions to clean surfaces no-less than daily.
  o Weight rooms, locker rooms and athletic training facilities will be cleaned in accordance with advanced protocols.
• Wall mounted sanitizer stations have been installed throughout Campus.

DINING/FOOD:

• Russell Dining Hall density has been reduced by removal of 50% of the tables.
• All Dining Hall tables will have plexiglass dividers that separate side to side and face to face exposure.
• Aramark has agreed to provide continuous serving throughout the day, and to extend service hours, in order to reduce density.
• Aramark is implementing industry-wide informed changes to its preparation and/or delivery methods in order to promote mitigation of spread in the dining environment.
• The College has purchased a food trailer that will provide alternatives to indoor dining (weather permitting).
- Two 30ft by 60ft tents have been set up to provide outdoor dining options.
- Numerous heavy-construction picnic tables have been purchased and distributed on Campus to provide outdoor dining options.
- Convenience items have been stocked at the Stanaland House Scarlet & Grey Shop and will be available to all students, faculty and staff through the store drive thru.
- The complete selection of POD (Product on Demand) items, such as pre-made sandwiches, wraps, chips, yogurt, candy, etc. will be stocked at the Stanaland House Scarlet & Grey Shop and will be available to all students, faculty and staff through the store drive thru.
- The POD located on the Cloverdale Campus has been relocated to provide easier access and reduce density.
- Bottled water dispensers have been located throughout Campus, and “water fountains” have been disabled.

**LIBRARY:**

- Plexiglass partitions on all tables that have face to face exposure.
- Remove number of available chairs at tables to reduce density.
- Install keyboard covers for public laptops to allow for better cleaning.
- Use floor screens to create social distancing between certain seating options.
- Use work-study assistants to provide continuous daily cleaning.
- Reduce maximum occupancy in Staton Center study rooms.
- Encourage Staton Center virtual advising and/or tutoring options.

**HVAC:**

- The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers has issued the following two statements regarding SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19):
  - *Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 through the air is sufficiently likely that airborne exposure to the virus should be controlled.* Changes to building operations, including the operation of heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems, can reduce airborne exposures.
  - *Ventilation and filtration provided by heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems can reduce the airborne concentration of SARS-CoV-2 and thus the risk of transmission through the air.* Unconditioned spaces can cause thermal stress to people that may be directly life threatening and that may also lower resistance to infection. In general, disabling of heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems is not a recommended measure to reduce the transmission of the virus.

- Pursuant to review of ASHRAE guidance, HVAC systems throughout the Huntingdon College campus have been studied by independent HVAC engineers in order to develop strategies for materially impacting the potential airborne transmission of infectious
aerosols, including but not limited to COVID-19, while maintaining the ability to provide needed cooled and de-humidified air in the hot and humid climate of Alabama.

- Pursuant to completion of an independent review by HVAC engineers, it has been determined that systems are functioning as designed and the following steps have been taken to reduce airborne exposures:
  - Use of MERV (minimum efficiency reporting value) 13 filters in all units that will accept them and still operate properly. (MERV 13 filters have been referred to as the N95 of HVAC filters.)
  - Sealing edges of all filters to limit bypass.
  - Change all HVAC filters more frequently.
  - Keeping units running 24/7 to enhance filtration.
  - Use of UVGI (ultraviolet germicidal irradiation) in certain high-density areas (such as large classrooms, residence hall hallways, and common spaces and the Dining Hall).
  - Use of spray-on electrostatic filter treatment to increase MERV rating in places where MERV 13 filters are not compatible.
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- As presented throughout the documents representing Huntingdon College’s response to COVID-19, student life will be much different than it has been in the past. The Office of Student Affairs and all student organizations should utilize a high degree of creativity and flexibility to provide a positive student life experience given the College’s health and wellness protocols. These enhancements include but are not limited to:
  - Make available to students an increased number of residential beds located in College owned houses and apartments in the Neighborhood Campus.
  - Allow alcohol in College owned houses, apartments, and residence halls for students 21 and over with certain guidelines.
  - Provide Campus open-air venue for student social gatherings, where students 21 and older may consume alcohol on certain nights with certain guidelines.
  - Have a food trailer provide food options and flexibility of dining locations.
  - Have all items previously found in the Coffee House/C Store and the POD available at the Stanaland House Scarlet & Grey Shop drive-thru.
  - Provide Friday and Saturday night midnight meal options and a number of weekend free food events.
  - Provide enhanced wi-fi in large spaces such as Roland Arena, Slawson Commons (Library) and Drum Theater.
  - Continue to provide 24/7 access to Slawson Commons.
  - Schedule additional hours to access recreation and intramural facilities.
  - Organize and promote intramural tournaments across multiple sports.
  - Provide additional entertainment options throughout the semester.