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Stevenson Planning for Fall Reopening

Dear Students,

On behalf of the senior leadership of the university, I would like to update you on our plan for the reopening of Stevenson and the Fall 2020 semester.

As we prepare for fall, our aim will be to enhance the safety of everyone on campus—for you and for our faculty and staff—while we deliver the educational experience and personalized support that you expect from Stevenson. We are consulting with national and regional higher education organizations, as well as government authorities and public health experts, to identify key initiatives to support a safe and healthy campus reopening. These initiatives include:

- Scheduling classes and organizing classroom seating to optimize safe physical distancing
- Structuring Residence Hall move-in to decrease density in hallways and common areas
- Optimizing physical distancing in our dining facilities and any associated queuing through approaches such as grab-n-go/delivery, patron limits/timed seating, structured seating, and additional venues for dining
- Accommodations for students with special risk factors
- Enhanced disinfection and cleaning protocols, as well as the provision of self-service cleaning materials
- Symptom monitoring, isolation, and quarantine procedures for students and employees exhibiting symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19
- A “Keep Stevenson Safe” communication campaign to educate our community on health and hygiene habits and other measures they will need follow on our campuses
- Creation of a Stevenson Social Compact in which all students, faculty, and staff who are returning to campus commit to following appropriate health promotion behavior on and off campus
- Offering new ways to build community, provide opportunities for social engagement, and enjoy student activities while optimizing your health and safety

These are some, but certainly not all, of the initiatives that we are working on. We will also be in touch with students as we develop and implement plans for residence life, student activities, and other aspects of campus life.

Please be on the lookout out for frequent updates and information as part of our “Keep Stevenson Safe” campaign, and contact us with any questions or suggestions at studentaffairs@stevenson.edu.

This will be a busy summer as we prepare for the fall semester, but the strengths of Stevenson are on our side. Our community is caring, dedicated, collaborative, and innovative. Our top priority is for you to have a safe and healthy learning and campus experience here.

Stay safe this summer, and we look forward to seeing you on campus this fall.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Sanchez
Vice President of Student Affairs