MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Talladega Family,

Welcome back for the start of the Fall 2022 semester. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and spending time with family and friends. As we move into this new academic year, I want to assure you that we are carefully monitoring the evolving status of COVID-19 and the health and safety of our campus community is of the utmost priority during this pandemic.

We are planning for a vibrant campus experience that is supported by the high vaccination rate of our campus community. Still there are actions that the campus community can take to further reduce the spread of the virus and the disruption it can have on our daily lives. This includes continuing to practice good personal hygiene with frequent hand washing, closely monitoring your health for symptoms, and staying home if you are feeling unwell. Our campus is currently mask optional, however Talladega College strongly encourages COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for all students, faculty, and staff to maintain our low infectious rate.

Please refer to our COVID Protocol and Policy Manual which provides the most current information and monitor your email for updates regarding testing procedures. Our Covid Task force will continue to follow the Alabama Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention on emerging guidance and changes in the protocol. We will continue to keep you updated, as we monitor the data trends across our campus and our region.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep our campus community safe. Have a productive, healthy, and Dega Strong academic semester.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory J. Vincent
President
On behalf of Talladega College,

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the campus community on what will be the continuation of an amazing academic year. Our hope is that we continue the dedication and attention to detail that allows Talladega College to continue to evolve and adapt in the midst of this pandemic. It is an honor to continue to serve you during this time as your campus Medical Director. We endeavor to demonstrate exceptional practices, so the campus continues to foster a safe environment.

Despite the continued stress of the pandemic our goal is to keep our faculty, staff, & students in the best health as possible. In order to do that we must continue to be vigilant with the current practices and please please please get vaccinated.

In all our endeavors we must never lose sight of our purpose; providing you with a safe and healthy college experience. Please stop by the Health Center, if you have any questions or need assistance with any of your medical needs. Our staff stands at the ready to serve you.

Thank you,

Dr. Ankrehah “Kre” Johnson, DO
Board Certified Family Medicine Physician
Medical Director Talladega College
To begin Fall 2022 Semester, Talladega College will move to MASK being “Highly Recommended” for all indoor activities and gatherings. For all classrooms, faculty at their own discretion, can however strongly suggest the wearing of masks. Any individual student, employee, or visitor has the right to wear their mask at any time at their own discretion and for their own comfort.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROCESSES ARE DEPENDENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC (ADPH), CDC GUIDELINES, AS WELL AS TALLADEGA COLLEGE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DR. JOHNSON. PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH ANY POSSIBLE INCREASE IN POSITIVITY RATE AMONG CAMPUS LIFE OR STATE AND NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT DR. VINCENT.
Protocols:

- Quarantine for positive, fully vaccinated persons with no symptoms (5) days with a negative test to return from quarantine.

- Quarantine for positive persons with symptoms will be five (5) days if they have a negative test after day 5. If they are still positive then they will be tested again after day 7 while they remain in quarantine. If they have no symptoms after the 7th day then they can exit quarantine. If they are still having symptoms then they will be quarantined until day 10 and checked again for symptoms.

- Fully vaccinated persons living and working on campus daily will not be required to be tested for covid-19 monthly after their initial test to begin the Fall 2022 semester. They will be asked to get tested whenever they suffer any allergy, cold or flu like symptoms.

- Non-Fully vaccinated persons living and working on campus daily, will be tested monthly.

- All persons living and working on campus daily, will be offered the opportunity to receive a test with appropriate cause or concern as requested.

- IF YOU ARE SICK (SYMPTOMATIC) PLEASE GET TESTED AND/OR STAY HOME.

*Along with quarantine time we need to take into consideration contagious time.*
Campus day to day protocols:

- When in public, shared spaces - indoors - masks are highly recommended.
- When outdoors - masks are not required.
- Continue to use sanitizer stations around campus, washing hands frequently.
- Suggested wearing of masks when around guests that are on campus for short periods of time.
- Actively eating no masks are required, indoors or outdoors. Indoors retrieving food masks are highly recommended.
- Masks are highly recommended inside classrooms. Masks can be strongly suggested at the faculty discretion.
- Masks are highly recommended for all indoor sporting events but not required.
- In-person indoor events or activities, masks are highly recommended.
- Meetings and gatherings should follow a hybrid format allowing for zoom where possible and persons are comfortable. Faculty should use their best judgment.
- If you are feeling sick, allergy, cold or flu-like symptoms please stay in and/or report to the nurses office.

Exposure:

If you believe you have been exposed to someone that has recently tested positive for Covid-19:
- Please report that exposure.
- Please wear a mask whenever in the presence of others.
- You should report to be tested 2 days after the initial exposure to get an accurate test result.

Athletics:

- We will communicate and work with the conference on the guidelines for teams as they visit for competition.
• For the Talladega College campus we will need to follow the same protocols for conference.
• Indoor athletic events, masks will be highly recommended but not required.

**Campus guests:**
• Any guest spending any amount of extended time on campus should report to the nurses office to have an initial test done. If they begin to have any symptoms while on campus conducting business then they should report to the nurses office for a test. Persons responsible for guests on campus should urge this process.

**Campus Quarantine, House 707:**

• House 707 is an agreed upon location that is isolated from other students that is cleaned and disinfected regularly. It gives the students a location to be medically observed and to separate themselves from the overall student body while they are being medically cleared.
• Students that will need to quarantine after a positive test will be asked to temporarily relocate to House 707.
• Quarantine time can vary depending on a multitude of factors but will begin with 5 days but can extend as needed depending on recommendations from the medical director and CDC guidelines.
• Space is limited and cannot be guaranteed. On occasions there may be a need to visit other options if possible for students to safely quarantine.
As a student enters House 707 there will be useful information shared with the student including but not limited to quarantine policy, important contact information, direction of how to contact and engage in medical care with the Medical Director, Dr. Johnson.

While in House 707 students will be observed by the campus nurse for any new and/or increasing symptoms.

Students will be served 3 campus meals from the Cafe.

After the completion of initial 5 day quarantine time, students will have to be seen by the nurse to assess their wellness and ability to leave quarantine.

Students in quarantine will not be allowed to leave the location so as to not spread the virus. Students will be subject to sanctions from the Dean's office for violating code of conduct health and safety protocols if proven to have violated this rule.

OFF-CAMPUS GATHERINGS:
There will be moments where students will be invited to and have gatherings that are off campus and not sanctioned for health and safety protocols by the campus. We would like to urge students to stay mindful of the health and safety measures they practice on campus and have throughout the pandemic to keep their campus community safe as they return to. We will be offering engaging and fun activities for students here on campus where there will be regulated safety measures in place and we urge students to take advantage of them. This will minimize the possibility of a possible contraction of the virus elsewhere and possible spread here on campus. Any known gatherings off campus by large groups of students will cause those students to be tested upon arrival.

Testing:
Testing will be required for all employees and students upon initial return to the campus. It is recommended that students prior to returning to campus, if possible, for your own comfort and safety. This will also help to assist with any possible needs to quarantine positive persons upon arrival in the event of a positive result when you arrive.
● Employees returning for Fall 2022 semester will report for testing upon their first day back to campus. Location and time TBD. In order to address any new changes and/or due to new faces joining our campus community employees will be asked to submit vaccination status.

● Students:
In order to keep ongoing active records students will be asked to submit vaccination status as they return or before the return to campus life.

**Band Camp: July 24th and July 31st registration.**

- Participants will be tested upon arrival, being required to complete medical check-in prior to any other business including moving into the residence halls.
- Completing a test prior to arriving is recommended as there is limited quarantine space available in the event that it is needed.

**Welcome Week:**

- Students will have to be tested as they arrive on campus. Completing a test prior to arriving is recommended as there is limited quarantine space available in the event that it is needed.
- There are very exciting events planned, most of which will keep students around only the campus community but for events planned where students will be leaving campus and more directly in large spaces, there could be testing upon return to campus.

**Fall Orientation and Check-in/Registration:**

- Upon arrival to campus students will be asked to complete a medical check-in (Covid-19 rapid test) PRIOR to any other business. Completing a test prior to arriving is recommended as there is limited quarantine space available, in the event that it is needed.
• Students will not be allowed to move into their residence halls without this clearance taking place on campus. All students will receive a color-coded wristband that signifies that they have completed the medical check-in portion which will allow further access to campus.
• During this process students that have not done so will be asked to submit their vaccination status.
• In the best interest of campus safety students should wear their masks minimally until they complete their medical check-in.
• Employees assisting during this process will be Highly recommended to wear masks.
• There will be other safety measures such as sanitizer and protective barriers in place to mitigate any risk.

This semester all students will be required to get new ID cards prior to moving into their rooms. IT will be present to administer the new cards AFTER students have gone through the medical check-in.

Upon ReEntry to Talladega College campus, we ask all students to observe the following safety guidelines:

• Wash Hands frequently (at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap).
• Be self-aware, when you feel any allergy, cold or flu like symptoms, report to the Student Health Center for testing.
• Take actions that limit any spreading of any germs or viruses.

Off-Campus testing
• If you test positive off campus please complete the following link (Covid-19 Self-Report) in order to safely communicate with the campus so that we can maintain a level of safety for the entire campus community.
• https://forms.gle/uaS8vNHsueuxmeMSA
Throughout the semester those that are completely vaccinated (minimum 3 shots) will only be tested if they are having allergy, cold or flu like symptoms.

Employees as well as Students that are NOT COMPLETELY VACCINATED will be tested monthly.

Any member of the campus community can request a test at any time at the nurses office in the Student Center.

**VACCINE:**

Vaccination Status:
- Please complete the following link to confidentially share status with the campus. **STUDENT LINK -**

https://forms.gle/raRfILBJqABHMEjN7
EMPLOYEES PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://forms.gle/tZjwvTvwJqq6Ytc39

- We encourage everyone to become vaccinated and boosted. The likelihood of a variant of the virus returning at some point is high, and the best way to protect our community is to be fully vaccinated. If you are interested in receiving a vaccination or booster please contact the campus nurse, Mr. Brown or Mrs. Morris. We have resources and partnerships that can assist with this.

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND DATA:

- https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html

Contact Information:
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Mrs. K. Morris - kmorris@talladega.edu
The Campus Student Health Office is located in the Student Center.