## Update for Return to Campus - Fall 2021

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Dear students, faculty and staff,

Over the past year and a half, the members of our campus community, in responding to the coronavirus pandemic, have continually demonstrated their commitment to our educational mission and the experiences of our students. Everyone at our university should be proud of the dedication, adaptability and compassion displayed throughout this challenging time. Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine earlier this year, the world has begun to open back up, with Kennesaw State enjoying more of our community back on campus. With the start of the fall semester quickly approaching, recent data affirms that we must remain diligent in our efforts to combat the coronavirus through vaccination.

We strongly encourage those who have not received the vaccine to take the opportunity to become vaccinated against COVID-19. Since January, KSU has partnered with Wellstar Health System to provide vaccinations on campus, and many have taken advantage of this opportunity. This is a critically important step, as public health officials are reporting that those most negatively affected by the virus are the unvaccinated, and that the vaccine can significantly reduce the risk of hospitalization or death from COVID-19 and other strains like the delta variant. Being vaccinated will also help you avoid disruptions this semester if you are exposed to COVID-19.

Kennesaw State continues to offer health services for all students, faculty and staff to receive a vaccine on campus. Individuals who need to schedule an appointment can call (470) 578-6644. By using this option through KSU or by receiving the vaccine through another provider, our campus community can do its part to help best protect family, friends, colleagues, classmates and loved ones.

Information on the return for the fall semester as well as updated guidance on KSU's policies relating to the coronavirus can be seen at <u>http://kennesaw.edu/coronavirus</u>.

Kennesaw State's campus community is strong, and we appreciate all that you continue to do for each other.

Kathy S. Schwaig Interim President

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