Dear Faculty,

Welcome back to what I know will be a successful new school year. I hope your fall semester is off to an excellent start. LIU is committed to ensuring campus community health and safety and our Reopening Plan follows all protocols required by the State of New York for higher education.

The University continues to monitor, track and report positive cases to the Department of Health on a daily basis. Since the start of classes, the Post campus has five positive cases of individuals who have physically been on campus. The Brooklyn campus has no positive cases of individuals who have physically been on campus but is aware of two individuals who have not been on campus this semester that have tested positive.

We will continue to keep the LIU community updated on a regular basis. Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state laws and regulations. Per established protocol, the University immediately coordinated with state and local health departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Health on each case to properly isolate or quarantine affected students and notify those who may have been in contact with. Please note that you would have already been notified if you came into contact with any of these individuals.

LIU has established test reporting procedures for faculty, students, and staff:

**Faculty.** For faculty who have tested positive for COVID-19: faculty must report the positive test case to their respective dean. If a student reports to a faculty member that they have tested positive: the faculty member should notify post-health@liu.edu (Post) or bkln-health@liu.edu (Brooklyn) and advise the student to contact On-Call Student Affairs Staff Member at 516-815-3074.

**Staff.** Should a staff member test positive: staff should notify their supervisor; supervisor should then notify Human Resources (Ronald.Edwards@liu.edu).

**LIU Self-Check Screening.** Daily self-check screenings for faculty, students and staff are managed by the University: e.g., anyone who visits campus receives self-check screenings. The self-check app was developed by LIU and adheres strictly to guidelines set forth by the State of New York Department of Health.

**Contract Tracing.** LIU also works with the State of New York Department of Health on contact tracing and campus COVID-19 notifications. Contract tracing is overseen by Nassau County — at Brookville, and New York City — for Brooklyn.

**FERPA and Notification.** Department of Health recommendations for notification of positive cases may vary for each situation. For example, the Department of Health may advise against campus notification for a single case, as identifying the affected person via notification could break FERPA rules. Working alongside the Department of Health, the University will issue notification to the LIU community should a case cluster occur in connection to a specific place.

**ADA accommodations.** Faculty (and staff) ADA accommodations are dealt with individually and confidentially through the University’s Human Resources department; due to privacy issues, ADA accommodations cannot be disclosed. As of September 2, 2020, all faculty with approved accommodations have been notified.

**Social Distancing.** Student Affairs oversees follow up and discipline proceedings. Should a student not wear a face mask, faculty are instructed to notify their deans; deans will coordinate with Student Affairs.

LIU’s reopening plan continues to be carefully designed to address current and evolving coronavirus health and safety issues. A 48-member LIU Reopening Plan Committee consisting of faculty and administrators will continue to convene to safeguard campus repopulation protection, with a goal to prioritize University community health, safety and well-being.

As always, should any questions or concerns arise, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

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