Dear Faculty,

I am pleased to share that, in accordance with New York State guidance for the reopening of higher education, Long Island University has issued a reopening plan that will allow us to resume in person classes. The plan is available at www.liu.edu/reopening-liu. We welcome this news and look forward to seeing you on campus this fall. The Fall 2020 semester will begin as scheduled on September 8, 2020 with necessary contingencies and flexibility to guard your safety.

Long Island University faculty will be required to conduct a daily screening prior to returning to campus through the online self-check https://webapps3.liu.edu/covidselfcheck/Login.aspx#. Screening will continue throughout the semester and as needed.

All campus academic and research spaces have been reviewed and are in line with state and CDC guidelines https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html. Capacities of all classroom spaces have been reduced and additional larger classroom spaces have been added to promote social distancing. LIU community members will be required to practice social distancing while on-campus. This includes maintaining 6-feet distance from others and wearing a face covering while on campus.

Academic Affairs has also instituted the following guidelines:

- Deans will ensure courses that involve performance, laboratory, and clinical experiences will take into consideration unique space requirements, and ensure that such courses are conducted with proper COVID-19 protocols in place.
- All in-person course participants will wear face coverings.
- Students who are unable to attend class may receive instruction in an alternate modality.
- Office hours and advising should be conducted virtually, when possible.
- Faculty will encourage students to communicate with them regarding their health status and any changes in their ability to complete coursework or fulfill their academic responsibilities.
- Faculty will excuse students who become ill.

Research activities may also continue. All Principal Investigators (PIs) and supervisors of research labs, or other designated research spaces must follow guidance issued by LIU https://liu.edu/coronavirus , the CDC https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html and the State of New York Health Department Guidelines for
Reopening Research.

The Research and International Office provides the following additional guidelines:

- All sponsored projects, research development, compliance, and research-related meetings should continue in Zoom format or conference call.
- All proposals are expected to be submitted on time according to sponsor guidelines.
- The Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) advises PIs with upcoming deadlines to notify OSP early and to adhere to LIU guidelines for post-award administration and travel.

In the event that a situation falls outside these guidelines, PIs should direct questions to Chief Research and International Officer for referral.

Along with our Facilities Management Team, the University began an aggressive cleaning campaign during the initial stages of the pandemic in January 2020 and this program will be continued into the upcoming academic year. All public spaces, including, classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, lounges, offices, and entry ways will be cleaned regularly in accordance with CDC and State guidelines.

Faculty are the center of Academic Affairs planning, whether teaching, research or in service activities. While impossible to anticipate every circumstance, we will continue to share information as we get closer to the beginning of the semester and welcome feedback.

We look forward to your return to campus. Please know that your health and safety is at the forefront of everything we do and these and other measures have been put into place to safeguard the health of the LIU community.

Sincerely,

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