

Additional Faculty Information for Fall 2020

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Dear Saint Louis University faculty,

As you have seen from President Pestello's recent messages, we are moving ahead with our plan to offer a mixture of in-person and online courses starting Aug. 17.

I want to thank all of you that are continuing to plan your courses to be able to meet the learning needs of our students wherever they may choose to attend their classes. The amount of collaboration and flexibility I have witnessed this summer is truly extraordinary.

As you finalize your fall plans, I want to provide some key information regarding recent developments, and give you an opportunity to make changes to your course modalities and schedules. Please read on for more details.

Back to Campus Guidance

The president's message on returning to work provided [detailed guidance](#) on returning to campus safely. For our faculty, this means:

- You should only spend time on campus for teaching and/or research responsibilities.
- Any departmental or staff meetings, office hours or other normally in-person activities should be conducted virtually.
- We have put significant public health protocols in place (i.e., mandatory face masks, social distancing, among others) to make our classrooms as safe as possible for faculty and students.

Expanded testing

We are looking into possibilities to expand our testing beyond symptomatic students and hope to have more information about this soon.

For our employees, anyone who is feeling sick, has a fever, or is experiencing any potential COVID-19 symptoms that are different from the employee's ordinary experience is not allowed to come to campus and should contact Employee Health at 314-268-5499 or the employee's healthcare provider before returning to campus.

Flexibility for the fall semester

After we surveyed our students this summer, we know that about 90% of them intended, at the time, to return to in-person classes for the fall.

With that in mind, if you want to move your courses online, please work with your department chair or dean, as applicable, to submit that request to the Registrar. Now that many K-12 schools and daycares in the area have announced their fall plans, we know this affects many previous plans and decisions. If you need to modify your schedule, please work with your department chair or dean to make those changes.

Thank you for all you are doing for our students and our community to make this semester a success, especially during this uniquely trying time.

Thank you and God bless,

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