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To: Jones Technical Institute Community

From: Gregory H. Jones, President
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Re: COVID-19 Response

As the State of Florida continues to progress through its reopening plan under Executive Order 20-139, Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery, we must prepare for the inevitable. At the time of this writing, most students and employees know someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. We ask that students and employees act responsibly and immediately notify the institution if they become infected with COVID-19. Immediate notification allows proper isolation protocols can be followed thereby reducing the spread.

As you now know, this past Friday, Governor DeSantis initiated Phase 2 of his recovery plan. As our society becomes more and more relaxed and people become less isolated, as logic and reason are applied, we will likely see members of our campus communities become infected. Although the cities in which our campuses reside have been successful in "flattening the curve," we must accept the reality that the coronavirus will continue to exist amongst us.

At present, a vaccine for COVID-19 does not exist.

Although the above statement is factual, our society has decided to engage in recovery and reopening activities. We remind you that besides your own domicile, there is no place that you have more control over the sanitation and cleanliness of your environment than at school. Please continue to engage with us as we follow the guidelines of maintaining a safe, sanitary classroom and laboratory environment. Maintain a safe distance, wear face coverings when a safe distance cannot be maintained, wash your hands often and disinfect your workspace at the beginning and end of each class period.

Congratulations on completing a very non-traditional Spring quarter. Enjoy your break week, rest, reset, and be safe! We look forward to seeing you the week of June 22nd for the beginning of the Summer quarter.