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Greetings UTTC students:

There has been a lot of work and planning this summer to make sure your experience is safe when you return to classes on campus in August. We know this time has been really stressful for you. There are so many unknowns and your lives have been significantly impacted. We need to get through this fall semester in the hope that things for the spring semester will be back to "normal".

Your health and safety is our top priority. You'll notice many safety precautions put in place when you arrive on campus later in August. For example, the main buildings will have only one entrance. Everybody who enters will have their temperatures checked and be required to wear a mask while in classrooms and hallways.

Safety in the Classroom

Classroom seating is being arranged to allow for social distancing. Disinfectant wipes will be available in all of the classrooms and hallways for anybody to use. We will also be spraying disinfectant in the classrooms in between classes. Our Facilities team has adopted additional cleaning and disinfecting of public spaces on campus. Plexiglass guards have been installed at service windows and in other locations around campus.

Face Masks

Everybody on campus is required to wear appropriate face coverings while inside campus buildings because six feet of social distancing may not always be possible. Face coverings aren't required in your own dorm room or suite, when alone in an enclosed office or study room, or in campus outdoor settings where social distancing requirements are met.

Hand Washing

UTTC has hand sanitizer in every building and all restrooms have soap dispensers. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

When you engage in these safe practices you're protecting yourself, but equally important, you're protecting other members of the campus community. You're showing you're taking responsibility for the safety of those around you.

Housing and Dorms

The Housing Director and staff are also implementing social distancing in the dorms. All three dorms will be opened so students can have their own rooms instead of sharing rooms. It's important for you to contact Housing if you plan to live in the dorms this fall because space might be limited. Email <u>ResidenceLife@uttc.edu</u> or call **(701) 221-1513** as soon as you can and let them know if you plan to live in the dorms this fall.

A Few More Things:

- New/Transfer Student Online Orientation will be offered August 17 to August 24.
- Dorm move in starts **Friday**, **August 21**.
- The deadline for you to be registered for fall courses is **Monday, August 24**. Any students not registered by that day will have to wait until spring to attend.
- Tuesday, August 25, is the first full day of classes.
- I'm going to send you a separate email within the week with more information about your classes.

I hope you are taking care of yourselves and we look forward to seeing you soon. This is the first of a few emails you will get from me so we will be in touch.

Lisa J. Azure, PhD Vice President of Academic Affairs

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