

Office of the Provost

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Dear Faculty and Staff:

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with reopening in fall 2020. If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this [email address](#). Previous newsletters are available [here](#) tegories: 1) Virtual

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through both modes have spent countless hours this spring and summer retooling content and learning about new tools and

Classroom technology update OIT has been refreshing the [classroom project page](#) throughout the summer as room updates are completed. ATSDs in each school receive weekly progress updates as well. At this point, the OIT team is completing updates to nine final rooms bringing the total number of updated spaces to over 250. This week, OIT tested classrooms to identify and resolve any remaining issues. Facilities also arranged the rooms and is continuing to remove as much extra furniture as much as possible. Thank you to these staff members for their outstanding efforts and to the faculty members who

Onsite support/help during the Fall 2020 semester I hope you were able to review the *OIT Technology News: Back to School 2020 Edition* e-mail sent to all faculty and staff on August 19. It provides updates on a broad range of topics of interest as you make final preparations for Fall 2020. In particular, see this [blog](#) on where to go for 24/7 technology help and support. methodology initiated by calling 214-768-HELP (4357) will be

use of multi-ply masks instead of other types of face coverings. Faculty can require students in the classroom to wear face masks versus other

Division of Student Affairs published their 2020-2021 event [guidelines](#) this week, which will govern student groups recognized by, or affiliated with, SMU (either formally or informally).

Messaging to Students

- In 1 [email](#) to students, Associate Provost Sheri Kunovich focused on Red/Blue assignments by providing students greater understanding of where to look in my.SMU to determine their status (Red, Blue, Remote) and an overview of the fall 2020 Red/Blue rotation schedule.
- sent a [message](#) to faculty and staff announcing a series of virtual opportunities to discuss the ways in which she and her office partner with you to support our students. The message also contained attachments with information about new and legacy support programs for our students.
- [newsletter](#) s contact tracing protocol for students.
- Today, President Turner and Vice President Mmeje sent a crucial [message to students](#) stressing the importance of personal responsibility in order to complete and enjoy the fall semester on campus.

Mythbuster

SMU is hiding information on COVID-19 employee hospitalizations

News and Noteworthy