Proposed Pilot:
Summer II Session

Moving Forward to Fall 2020
May 20, 2020
Executive Summary: Proposal for Summer II Pilot

The world is now engaged in a battle with COVID-19. We know that viral spread, the load on our local healthcare system, and government mandates and guidelines will influence our ability to return to campus. Temple is preparing, with great care, to safely resume operations in a phased approach.

The Pilot
Summer Session II begins on June 23, 2020. Having a small number of in-person classes will allow us the opportunity to assess our risk mitigation strategies. If we are permitted to do so, we will identify which strategies work best, which require refinement, and whether any should be replaced. In turn, our experience will inform our plans for the fall. We will also share our experiences with other schools to help them prepare. There are 25 classes slated for in-person instruction for Summer II. These are all classes that cannot be conducted remotely. Most classes involve pre-professional and professional students who are working towards fulfilling degree requirements that are essential to the healthcare workforce. We want to help them advance their goals.

We’ve been here all along
Temple University is designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education in the "highest research activity" category, and essential research activity has been continuously underway even during the global pandemic. Every step of the way, we have prioritized the health and safety of those on campus. Even with the mid-March shift to remote instruction, 217 students safely remained in university housing throughout the spring semester because they had nowhere else to live. Approximately 200+ essential employees are now on campus, including facilities maintenance and housekeeping, preparing the campus for the safe return of the remainder of the community.

In the fight against COVID-19, Temple brings many resources to the table: expertise in diseases, a respected healthcare enterprise, world-renowned leaders in the scientific community, and a cohort of talented and experienced practitioners. We are healers and researchers who are determined in our fight. Temple will mitigate risks, provide a quality education, and offer students a safe experience.

Temple's motto is Perseverance Conquers. That's the drive we bring to this effort.
Our Goals

SAFEGUARD LIVES

SAFEGUARD THE INSTITUTION

PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION
Planning a Phased-in Return to Campus Operations

There is tremendous value in taking small steps to ensure the safety of the Temple population and surrounding community. Temple plans to approach return to campus operations in phases, starting with essential personnel and research, then moving towards only those classes that must be conducted in person, such as medical school and nursing training. From there we will increase in-person instruction, if and when possible and permissible.

In this way, we will learn from our risk mitigation strategies, step-by-step, to ensure a safe environment.
What does a Summer II Pilot look like?

- 200+ essential employees on campus
- 100-125 residents in University Housing
- 25 in-person classes in Physical and Occupational Therapy, Athletic Training, Communication Sciences & Disorders, and School Psychology
- 306 students enrolled as of May 2020
- Approximately 15 distinct classrooms in 5 buildings
- Additional in-person instruction for Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Podiatric Medicine throughout the summer
- Essential Research continues to be conducted in controlled environments in approximately 15 buildings
During a public health emergency, **Prevention, Detection, & Response** are necessary for success. We are focusing on these broadly applied measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our population. As a baseline, and in conjunction with other measures, these four pillars are essential for all operations until a vaccine is available. Personal responsibility to the greater community is an intrinsic element, and as a university – and as a nation – we depend on one another to protect those most at risk.
Additional Public Health Measures

- COVID-19 Testing
- Contact Tracing Unit
- Serological Testing
- Isolation + Quarantine for Housing
- Building Safety
- Travel Restrictions
- Occupancy Restrictions
COVID-19 Testing

University Health Services has been providing COVID-19 testing since February. We are in the process of creating a new COVID-19 Testing & Treatment facility that is separate from normal operations. Staffed by experienced clinicians, this center will be coordinated with efforts at Temple Hospital and testing clinics operated by the city.

Visits will be by appointment only, and pre-screening will be conducted via telemedicine. Health Services is working to bolster rapid-testing capabilities in the weeks ahead. Additionally, Temple Hospital has capacity to test 10k people per day.

Contact Tracing Unit

Because of its critical value as a containment measure, Temple is partnering with Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to develop an internal Contact Tracing Unit. The unit will be responsible for identifying those who test positive for COVID-19 and determining with whom they have had close contact.

Our College of Public Health is developing a training program that will benefit the university and the commonwealth, as other, similar units could be likewise trained. A collaborative survey between CPH and PDPH has identified 400 interested volunteers.

Isolation & Quarantine

Providing safe and supportive on-campus housing for our students is a crucial part of our mission. Those who test positive for COVID-19 in university residence halls will be separated from the population for a 14-day period. High risk contacts may be asked to re-locate to separate housing for a period to monitor their health for the emergence of symptoms. Members of the contact tracing unit will provide case management for those who are isolated and quarantined including daily check-ins to assess physical and mental health.
Building Safety

- Social Distancing Barriers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Floor Decals
- Signage
- Touchless Features
- Enhanced Ventilation
The Key to Our Success

We believe that a combination of precautions will help us meet with success, including:

• Protective public health measures
• Physical safety tools, including social distancing barriers and floor decals
• Changes to our facilities, including touchless faucets and door openers, contactless ID card readers, and automatic water bottle fillers.
• Enhancements to internal building systems, such as upgrades to HVAC filtration and modifications to ventilation
• Ramped up disinfection & housekeeping protocols
• And a concerted effort to build a culture of communal protection and community care
Social Distancing Measures & Classrooms

• 6 feet of space between students

• Reduction of available classrooms

• Cleaning + Disinfection Protocols

• Retain quality instruction

• Tech solutions = Alternative learning options

• Considerations for those most vulnerable to COVID-19
**Our Workforce**

We are making every effort to consider the health & safety of our workforce. We must accommodate those at highest risk while continuing to fulfill our mission. Workspaces are being altered to meet the needs of our employees. Policies are being drafted. We are ready.

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<td>Includes employees who may be at higher risk and need to continue to work remotely until there is a vaccine or effective antiviral for COVID-19 that is widely available.</td>
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Culture & Education Campaign

We are developing a university-wide social marketing campaign to enhance community, foster compliance with public health measures, and emphasize our responsibility to one another. In this way, we hope to fight COVID-19 together while continuing to achieve our goals in education, research, and service.

Temple Strong, Temple Proud.