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Dear students, faculty, and staff:

The State University System has had a very successful fall semester, and we are looking forward to welcoming you back on campus for the spring. The key to this success has been two-fold. First, we worked together to implement new health and safety policies and procedures for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 on each campus. Second, and equally important, was the responsibility and ownership each of you took to create a safer environment for everyone on our campuses. Each of you who have accepted this shared responsibility deserve a lot of credit for making this a successful semester.

Looking ahead to the spring semester, you can expect all 12 of our state universities to continue to offer a comprehensive array of academic classes and degree programs, and that facilities will be fully utilized based on the academic and extracurricular needs of each institution.

However, it is clear the pandemic is not over, and as we prepare for the spring semester, we must also remain vigilant and follow the policies and protocols that are shown to limit the impacts of the virus. The best way to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on our campuses and our communities is to protect yourself, your family, and your friends every day by following the recommended precautions, including wearing masks, testing when necessary, and getting fully vaccinated, including a booster, if you are able to do so.

With your steadfast commitment, we are confident we will have a successful spring semester, with our students continuing to receive the high-quality education they both expect and deserve.

Sincerely,



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Syd Kitson, Chair  
Florida Board of Governors



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Marshall Criser, III, Chancellor  
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