The primary charge of the FFIT is developing procedures, timelines and action plans, building on the reports and recommendations from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Fall 2020 Decisions Task Force. Interim Chancellor Foster launched this group to ensure readiness for safe on-campus operations for fall semester and beyond.

Over the next several weeks, FFIT will provide weekly status updates on the work underway to complete the university’s preparations for the 2020-21 academic year.

**CHANCELLOR CHATS**
In this week’s [Chancellor Chat](mailto:connie.foster@uwrf.edu) Connie Foster shares her thoughts on the virtual town hall meetings UW-River Falls hosted Wednesday for new and returning students.

**FFIT UPDATES**
Planning for the implementation of specific health measures is underway, including:

- **Testing symptomatic individuals.** UWRF is discussing options with several providers. Campus will be informed once plans are finalized.
- **Contact tracing.** UWRF staff member Steve Stocker has been assigned to manage contact tracing on campus through a team of six trained employees under the supervision of Pierce County Public Health.
- **Mandatory face coverings.** UW System Board of Regents has mandated the use of face coverings indoors and in groups outdoors if physical distancing is not possible. UWRF adopted and will enforce this policy.

**IN-PROGRESS**
- A COVID-19 related educational module is in development for all UWRF. The module will outline new expectations intended to help keep the campus community safe and healthy. The module will be accessible in Canvas.

**ACADEMIC UPDATES**
- Training and development for both online and hybrid modes of delivery have been ongoing this summer and will continue into the fall. These will include the use of technology to capture in-class lectures for those learning remotely. Announcements about these sessions will be out next week.
- Based on COVID-19 considerations, almost all classroom capacities have been reduced to less than 50 percent of normal, with most rooms being in the 15-35 percent range and some being even lower.

**STUDENT UPDATES**
- Students will receive details regarding housing and dining during the week of July 27. Fall move-in will require appointments that will be coordinated through Residence Life.

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