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 Connie Foster launched this group to ensure readiness of safe on-campus operations for fall semester and beyond.

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

**Chancellor Chat**
In this week’s **Chancellor Chat** Connie talks with Dale Braun, UWRF project manager and FFIT member, about contact tracing and how it will play out on our campus.

**FFIT Updates**
Decisions and plans for implementing key fall readiness efforts:

- On-campus testing for students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will begin August 26. Testing will be provided by Weber Health Logistics (WHL) three days a week by appointment only in Hagestad Hall, second floor. The process involves the following steps:
  - Students will complete an online COVID-19 screening and receive a call from a registered nurse within an hour of submission.
  - If deemed necessary, the RN will schedule a testing appointment for the student.
  - Students will receive a phone call in 2-3 days with their test results and recommended next steps.

Questions about WHL’s on-campus COVID-19 testing can be directed to Project Coordinator Michelle Gilbertson.

In addition to COVID-19 testing, students who are simply not feeling well have access to medical services through Vibrant Health Family Clinic in River Falls.

  - Students can call for an in-person or virtual appointment with a Vibrant Health care provider.
  - Office visits are covered by Student Health and Counseling.

**Employees** exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms should contact their health care provider regarding the need for a COVID-19 test.

- The BP Logix health screening form has been updated. Please note the updated symptoms on the form. The option to send to more than one supervisor is now available.

- A temporary tent on the south side of the University Center will provide additional seating for dining from August 26 through September 30. Student dining seating will also be available in other designated areas on campus. All meeting rooms in the University Center not currently assigned as classrooms will be used as student dining spaces.
HR Director Michelle Drost and UW System Senior System Legal Counsel Tom Stafford presented an informational session to supervisors on August 18. Information presented covered employee completion of the health questionnaire and the legal environment amidst COVID-19. The session was recorded and will be available to those supervisors who were unable to attend.

Celebrate the start of fall semester by attending a virtual all-campus **Opening Meeting** on Monday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m. [Join the meeting using this link.](#) (Live closed captioning will be provided [here](#).) Additional **meetings and activities** taking place throughout the week will be promoted in Falcon Daily. This year’s **Opening Meeting** giveaway will be a UWRF branded face covering which will arrive soon in your UWRF mail.

**In Progress**

- Infographics clarifying key protocols and processes for testing, tracing, isolation and quarantine are being created.

- Building hours during the academic year are being reviewed with more details to come.

- With less than two weeks before the start of fall semester, all UWRF employees are encouraged to limit exposure to those outside of your immediate household prior to returning to campus. This will help avoid bringing the virus to campus.

**Resources**

- The **COVID-19 Reference Guide** is available on the [Falcons Forward webpage](#). This week’s updates to the guide include:
  - protocols around COVID-19 testing for students
  - availability of disposable face coverings for students
  - use of fleet vehicles

- Guidelines specific to managing potential issues related to wearing face coverings in the classroom has been created for UWRF instructors. Guidance in this document applies to all places and spaces on campus. The guidance document is available on the Falcons Forward webpage under [Faculty and Staff](#).

- A **Community of Care Commitment** regarding the expectations and accountability of students and employees was introduced this week. The document outlines the behaviors each of us needs to agree to if we want to achieve our goal of remaining active on campus throughout the fall.

- QR codes are being posted in many spaces on campus. Your use of these codes will generate a diary to assist in contact tracing interviews. Learn more about the Centralized Attendance Tracking System (CATS) [here](#).

- Academic Excellence and Student Success has compiled a comprehensive resource outlining all support services available to students during fall semester both in person or online. The AESS newsletter can be found [here](#).

**Questions or comments for the FFIT should be directed to covid19@uwrf.edu**