

COVID Response Committee Report

University Council

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As co-Chairs of the committee, Dr. Poulsen and I present this report on behalf of the COVID Response Committee. The CRC is once again active this year, **Giving Voice** to faculty, staff and students through various means of data collection, **Listening** to responses from the administration re: questions and concerns, and **Reporting Back** what we learn to the University Council. We met with deputy chief of staff, Dr. Alton Standifer, President's Office, to ask questions about current and future plans related to COVID.

The university is focused on looking at longer term plans and continuing to integrate practices into standard operating procedures. The university continues to provide access to vaccinations as well as boosters, and surveillance testing at the University Health Center; access to masks, including KN95 masks, through individual units and various locations across campus; work with the Georgia Department of Health for contact tracing; and strongly encourages safe COVID-related practices. Work continues to improve air quality in buildings across campus, at main campus as well as other campuses in and out of state. Updates on the COVID-related federal contractor mandate and injunction will be shared as information becomes available.

We want to give special thanks to President Morehead, members of the COVID-related Task Forces, all at the University Health Center, and to all frontline workers in the UGA community for your dedication and hard work in the last two years! It has been an honor to be of service and to help with communications from the university community to the administration. This concludes the report from the COVID Response Committee.