

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for providing a robust educational experience for our students this fall semester. For the Spring 2022 semester, we will be continuing with our 'normal' in-person instructional schedule with classrooms continuing to be used at full occupancy.

Based on instructional changes driven by the pandemic, we have in place a new course modality termed In-Person with Live Remove Option (otherwise known as HyFlex). Sections taught in this manner have been strategically added by departments to be continued in the spring semester. Many other sections in Fall 2021 were taught optionally by faculty in a HyFlex manner to accommodate students unable to attend in-person courses due to the pandemic. However, as is in past semesters, student attendance in class precipitously declined whenever this option was available in the class.

Therefore, for Spring 2022, we are not continuing the optional In-Person with Live Remove Option used in Fall 2021, and only HyFlex courses that are registered in Banner for that modality will be permitted. This will encourage students to attend in person on our campuses, and further encourage the co-curricular activities and engagement that is critical to the success of our students.

FAU's [syllabus template](#) for Spring 2022 will also be updated to reflect changes to mask wearing guidance. The new language reads as follows:

*"Due to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in our service areas, wearing a mask indoors is currently a personal preference but please be thoughtful of the concerns of those around you. Students experiencing flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), or students who have come in contact with confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, should immediately contact FAU Student Health Services (561-297-3512). Symptomatic students will be asked to leave the classroom to support the safety and protection of the university community. For additional information visit <https://www.fau.edu/coronavirus/>. In classes with face-to-face components, quarantined students should notify me immediately as you will not be able to attend class. I will not be able to offer an online version of the class but will make reasonable efforts to assist students in making up the work."*

As the world progresses through the pandemic, we anticipate updates to FAU's Health and Safety Plan for the spring semester and more information will be available in the coming months. If you have questions about our plans for Spring 2022, I encourage you to reach out to your chair/director or to [FAUCOVID19@fau.edu](mailto:FAUCOVID19@fau.edu).

Sincerely,  
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