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Welcome, LSU Law Students, to the Fall 2020 semester!

We look forward to your arrival on the LSU Law campus next week, where things will be very different from what we have been accustomed to. The COVID-19 pandemic comes with many new challenges, and with those challenges come new responsibilities. A first step is to fill out the “return to campus” form before our first day—MONDAY! See the [LSU roadmap site](#) for a link. There is a gray box on that page with a clickable purple box inside that says “Complete Return to Campus Form.”

At the Law Center, we have put together a Q&A that we hope can assist you as you return and also as we proceed through the semester. We have posted the [FAQ](#) to the website. This Q&A introduces you to many new requirements, protocols, and advisories which we have put in place to help limit transmission of the virus. The format, I hope, can also remind you that much of what you read here may change in the coming weeks, as both the pandemic and our knowledge of the virus evolve.

We are working tirelessly to create an environment for a safe and rewarding educational experience for you. We will continue to provide our LSU Law community with the most up-to-date information.

During this time, new and returning law students all over the country will attend class and study on campuses where many of our daily actions will be guided by new protocols.

At LSU Law, we’ve taken numerous steps to protect everyone’s safety, including:

1. Requiring masks at all times throughout the entire campus,
2. Reducing the capacity in elevators,
3. Ensuring classroom capacity remains under the 50% occupancy limitations set by the Governor, Fire Marshal and LSU for Phase II,
4. Individual seating in classrooms has been marked at five-foot intervals. Since our chairs are largely on rollers, we will remind you to maintain this distance to ensure that your classmates remain safe,
5. If possible, asking that you use stairways, if you are able. In each building one of our stairways will be marked for upward traffic, and one stairway will be marked for downward traffic,
6. Prohibiting eating or drinking in the classrooms. Eating and drinking will be allowed in the Student Lounge and in outdoor spaces,
7. Ordering plexiglass shields for the media podiums for classrooms,
8. Providing appropriate sanitary necessities such as hand soap and sanitizer, and cleaning supplies for desk surfaces, and
9. Enhancing cleaning of high-touch surfaces.

Take the time to browse the full [FAQ](#) on the LSU Law website where you will find information on staying safe, how to report a positive COVID-19 test or exposure to anyone testing positive, and other important safety requirements. You can also continue to refer to the [LSU Roadmap to Fall](#) website to learn more about what campus life will be like in the fall of 2020.

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with these new procedures, daily operations, and more *before* you arrive on (or return to) campus. Our health and safety during this extraordinary time depends on that familiarity and on our individual and collective efforts to adhere to the new rules of life.

I hope that we agree to a level of mutual accountability as a way to interrupt the spread of the virus, protect our community, and maintain a healthy environment for us all. We will only be successful if we all work to make it happen.

As the next week approaches, we eagerly await all of you! We are working hard to make your experience at LSU Law as safe and rewarding as ever.

All my best,

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