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Dining change, you can't have hundreds of kids at the same time, either grab and go, or reservations. When I brought my freshman son down I wanted to eat lunch at DHall to see what they were doing, and I was shocked. First thing I said to him was well, this isn't going to last long. As an alumni, I am so disappointed and angry at how little is being done. No preventative testing, sewage testing, just masks and hope. I am also outraged at all the asynchronous classes, online interactive I get, I deferred my son for the semester due to all the canceled and asynchronous classes. I love JMU and do not understand how you are doing so poorly both in online learning and preventing cases. Please do better

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PLEASE continue to care for our community, and stay with your current plan of doing online classes, and keeping students away from the community as much as possible. H'burg was in really good shape until JMU chose to go forward with bringing students back. We have skyrocketed back into a hotspot, because of this decision. PLEASE do your part, and do NOT bring students back, at this point. Perhaps reevaluate in December (for spring semester). Thank you!

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I think that trust is already broken between JMU, Harrisonburg, between the administration, and faculty and students. To come back without having dramatically different infrastructure of testing at the very least, will take us to the same place, only this time it will be even worse. We cannot come back in person. In the spring, if we even want to try, we need to ramp up testing, isolation beds, not make faculty pivot in a weekend, but have any large class on-line from the get go. We need to have more transparency and the admin needs to really listen to faculty and students or else we face a worse disaster. We all deserve an apology, as well, for the way that this has been mishandled. I was told to teach in person then given two days to pivot to on-line. Thank you for considering these thoughts.

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The beginning of the fall semester was an unmitigated disaster, but a very predictable one that faculty had voiced concerns about throughout the summer. 50% classroom capacity was insufficient for social distancing. It was impossible to ensure compliance in dining services, academic building hallways, and residence halls. Off-campus behavior - impossible to monitor - was a major factor in spreading infection. The University Health Center did not have capacity (testing or otherwise) to handle this, and it took only 10 days or so for our supply of quarantine space to be almost completely exhausted. I'm not sure any of these issues have been addressed. Some (like behavior off-campus) are impossible to control. If we "return" to campus, it's practically a guarantee that we will go through the same embarrassing failure we did at the beginning of September. The sensible approach is to remain online for the fall and consider mandating that all classes above 20 students be online for the spring (or until a vaccine is widely available). Beyond that, faculty should have complete authority to make decisions about taking classes of 20 students or less online for health, safety, or pedagogical reasons.\

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There is no viable plan to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, or staff as evidenced by the massive spike in cases that happened with only 1 week of students on campus at the

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beginning of the semester. Resources should be focused on supporting faculty in developing highly effective online courses and not on wasteful ideas of a doomed return. Money should be cut from the inessential areas (e.g. landscaping, athletics) and all administrators making more than 150,000\$ per/year salary should have a pay cut of 5% to 10%. There also should be consequences for the wasteful and dangerous decisions that were made over the summer that led to the reopening of campus. JMU has suffered a serious blow to its reputation as a result of these reckless decisions and it has not only put at risk students, faculty, and staff but has endangered residents of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The BOV should consider recommending suspending reopening JMU campus to in-person teaching until March 2021 (following spring break).

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JMU should \*not\* be planning for resuming in-person learning and full campus operations at this point - not until there's a vaccine plus 6 months. JMU should shut down all on-campus operations for the academic year 2020-2021, and furlough full-time staff workers with partial pay and full benefits.

As Adjunct Faculty, I deliberately opted out of teaching this academic year. I'm very thankful that I did, seeing JMU's egregious mismanagement of the pandemic.

We're #1! on a list we \*really\* don't want to be at the top of. Article from Forbes:  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jemimamcevoy/2020/09/11/19-of-the-25-worst-us-coronavirus-outbreaks-are-in-college-towns/#665dd7221df7>

"Topping the list, with 1,562 cases per 100,000 people, is Harrisonburg, Virginia, where James Madison University is located."

Your mismanagement has endangered not only your students, faculty, and staff, but the entire community of Harrisonburg.

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There is no safe way to resume in-person given 7% infection rate among students and now outbreak in community.

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I really am disappointed by the actions JMU took in August when they restarted in person instruction. Our community had a very low infection rate prior to students coming back, and now it's unreal. It's hard not to feel like JMU gave us no thought or consideration. I appreciate all that JMU has brought to us, especially in the last 20 years, but this felt reckless at best. I can't even blame most of the student body for what's happening. From what I've read from students' experience, there was no real effort on your part to enforce any kind of quarantine prior to students coming back on campus, or enforcing any meaningful social distance once they came back. You let the community that supports you down so epically. Do the right thing. Don't bring them back, and instead do virtual classes. You owe us to make this right.

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As a freshman parent, I would like the board to consider the following changes to protocols on various settings on campus. This so we are not in the same boat again as when JMU opened in August. As the board is well aware, we are now nationally known for the wrong reasons. How might we reclaim our reputation?

1. What might be some changes that are considered for the dining halls? I just received a tweet from E-hall for in person dining. **This should not be an option now.** The students need to maintain social distancing whilst ordering and only have the option of **"to go" meals.** Would their be dining room monitors? **Perhaps hiring students to do this might be an option?**

2. What might be the bed capacity being increased to?

3. Clearly, the in person classes in August didn't work out. As covered by the media, students were sitting on the floor and too close to each other. Are their considerations been made to **split those classes in half** and creating new sessions or perhaps **dividing classes in half and students alternating their attendance in person.**

4. TESTING???? It seems to me that JMU seems to be the only state school that didn't **require pre-testing of students entering campus.** Yes, it is true that students can present themselves with the virus a day later but at least going in we know they didn't have it? What might be other universities doing that JMU is not doing and perhaps should consider? **Should they randomly be testing students?** Reports from students indicated that **contact tracing** did NOT take place in early August. Would this be strictly enforced now to stop the spread? Are their considerations been made to test the **dorm waste waters?** I do understand that each university has limited resources but surely the state has assigned funding specifically for Covid-19.

5. **Student Infractions** - JMU faculty and staff need to put their rules and expectations in action by actually carrying them out. I know it is in process for 146 students. What might be an immediate action that faculty and staff can take for infractions besides reminders. I realize we/you all are working with young adults and that is challenging in itself.

6. **Move -in** - It will be a lot of time and effort by the ORL to request staggering times for moving in as it was done in August. This will prevent too many folks accessing the same dorm.

Thank you for your hard work and it is my sincere **plea to bring the students back on campus.** Due to the pandemic the high school class of 2020 and the college class of 2024 has already suffered a lot. No doubt they will hopefully rise to the challenge and have risen to it already and will be stronger citizens and individuals because of it.

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Lastly, as an educator myself I stand in solidarity with JMU. I am available to help in anyway I can so please do not hesitate to reach out. I specifically did not apply to the parent council. However, am available to volunteer my time and effort during this unprecedented time.

The return of JMU has caused a huge spike in the city. We are number 7 in the NATION. This is unacceptable. If the university cannot come up with better safety measures, then JMU should be all online for the safety of the community. Please do what is right for the community and not for your wallet.

JMU must adopt stern measures to deal with recalcitrant students whose irresponsible behavior created the Harrisonburg COVID hotspot. No more warnings! Suspend and expel!

Please keep the students SAFE and continue ONLINE at least this semester.

1) More quarantine beds 2) Dining has to be redone--Can each dorm have specific hours to eat at DHall or EHall--it seems like something needs to be done about the close proximity and long lines....perhaps the "to go" option you have instituted has helped? Are there other colleges of a similar size that have a better plan? 3) My daughter wants to go back---the no of cases is not what worries us---the fact that there are not any hospitalizations that we are aware of makes us feel much more comfortable. 4) CAN THE LIVE SAFE APP ACTUALLY BE USED AND CHECKED DAILY---I thought before entering dining/classrooms/etc---you had to show someone you were "Green"....from what I heard, this was never checked.

I'm all for us coming back to campus. However, as an RA, I've been having to constantly remind residents to wear their masks in the building. There need to be harsher consequences for not wearing masks and breaking other Stop the Spread protocol. We also need better dining hall protocol- 500 people sitting in D Hall with their masks off is NOT safe. Take out should be the only option.

I would like to share from a student leader perspective that things could be handled better in the future of this pandemic. However, no matter how hard JMU tries to plan, no matter what agreements that JMU makes students sign in order to return, there will be students that will be breaking policies behind faculty & staff's backs that will inevitably cause another large outbreak to occur. There's no way we can track what our students do on campus, as well as off campus. Students can't be held in the dorms like prisoners, and there's no way we can set a curfew that people will listen too, much less having RA's have to be in charge of enforcing it. People who are doing the right thing are still getting infected by going to dining facilities on campus. While I love being here and love being a duke, I don't feel as though all students returning to campus is the best move for JMU. What I would say is truly depopulating campus would be beneficial for those who need to stay with in person/hybrid instruction. I would argue that nursing majors, and other majors in the health sciences department should be exempt because choosing a career in the healthcare field means that you don't shut down for anything; snow, ice, pandemics, etc. Essential workers and those trying to get into those careers and have been accepted into a program that will one day be an essential worker should be granted permission to continue class as scheduled. I believe that other major classes where the work can be done from home, including general education courses, should be required to continue with the online instruction in order to keep the general population of JMU and the Harrisonburg/Rockingham community safe.

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Hopefully more isolation/quarantine beds are available now, dining hall overcrowding is addressed (maybe assign times for each dorm to eat or have it be all take out)

Let the kids come back that want to and go back to some in class classes for the smaller classes, not the ones where kids are sitting on the floors due to overcrowding keep those classes online.

Get rid of the 4 day October break and at Thanksgiving break send all kids home until January and have finals be online.

Please let the kids back for their emotional well being more than anything else.

Thank you!

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Please don't. Many programs don't have online options already. Since some have to be in person, please limit the exposure by keeping students online as much as possible. Coming back at the start of flu season on top of COVID is a horrid idea.

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Dr. Anthony Fauci, the COVID-19 expert of NIAID, has suggested that universities should not re-open without capacity to test all returning students, capacity for surveillance testing and and quarantine space for students who contract virus. When I moved my daughter to JMU as a freshman, I believed JMU was following this guidance and was shocked when she was forced to return home, 10 hours driving distance away. We made the difficult decision to fly her home, quarantine her and test so family would not be put at further risk. Does JMU's plan to return students to campus include increased testing capacities, testing all students and increased quarantine space? Also does it include eliminating fall break and a return after Thanksgiving? I would like her to return to campus where she joined a study group and was making friends that helped with her with mostly virtual learning experience. But how can I be confident JMU is making real changes to stop the spread? I do not want to be in the position of having to bring her home again in a few weeks increasing the risk of her spreading the virus to family and the local community.

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First i'd like to state that in no way should students be returning for the Fall Semester. It literally makes zero sense across the board. To think that you've solved or mitigated issues over 4 weeks that you had all Summer to address is negligent, at best. If you are determined to continue to stand behind CDC guidelines, which have no basis in fact and are completely politicized, then history will repeat itself. The only path forward is an aggressive testing policy including pre-arrival, on-campus and off-campus scheduled as well as random testing. Also, we've all seen the pictures, so if you don't address the over-crowded dining halls and class rooms then no amount of testing or plexi-glass or masks or floor decals will matter. If students don't want to cooperate then they shouldn't come back. This is a community safety issue and bigger than 1 family's political or belief system. Additionally, if you do decide to return, there should be a 100% online option for those students/families who do not feel safe in returning to campus, but wish to remain enrolled. After what my Freshman witnessed on-campus for 2 weeks, she doesn't feel the least bit comfortable with a return to campus, but she loves JMU and should have the option to continue her studies w/o being forced to do so on campus. There is no quick fix or easy solution; however, rushing back is never the right course of action. Please take the time between now and January to put measures in place that will allow for return to campus in the Spring.

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If there aren't very specific plans with processes and training in place then we shouldn't bring students back. Please do not assume that the details are worked out. That is what happened at the beginning of the semester and it ended poorly. If specific details about the return plan can't be answered, then we're not prepared to have classes back in person. In my opinion at least the following needs to be considered:

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1) How specifically is surveillance testing going to be done? What is going to happen when a student refuses to show up for testing? If we select someone that has already tested positive, is there a plan to randomly select another student? How will students be notified they've been selected? How will students be educated on the expectations of surveillance testing before we return in October? 2) Students did not have to complete the COVID trainings before they came back at the beginning of the semester. How are we going to get that education out now? It needs to happen before October 5th, how will it happen? How will it be verified? 3) What policies are going to be in place for in person, on campus events hosted by student organizations? How will we enforce these rules? Who will respond to complaints, and what is expected to be done? How will student reservations be managed, will they be allowed to reserve spaces normally like they could at the beginning of the semester? 4) Students are mostly following the 10 person off campus social gathering limit, they just go around to multiple gatherings of 10 people. Is this going to be addressed through education or policy? 5) Students are not paying attention to the social distancing stickers in dining halls. If students are sitting at tables near one another, are within 6ft for 15 minutes of another group of people, and later test positive then that group would be considered a close contact. There is no way that group of people is going to be named by the student as a close contact because they won't know who they are. 6) What specifically is the plan to manage another community outbreak. The approved return to campus plan that was approved by the governor said we would manage an outbreak with advance social distancing strategies, would take actions to protect at risk populations, and would consider reducing class sizes. What are the specific actions that would be taken if we see signs of community spread again? 7) How will we communicate the status of an outbreak? Will we announce clusters when they are discovered? At the end of August JMU put out a notice for a single day about a single cluster. I am aware of many other clusters, but they were not announced. Is there a standard for communicating this information to the community? Should students be aware of the number of clusters, as it may influence the decisions they make?

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First I want to say Thank you! Thank you for all the work forethought, time, and energy that was put into getting the school year started. Thank you for doing your best to keep my child safe and giving him an opportunity to learn on campus.

I would like to hear what the plan is to make the dining experience safer as far as numbers of students crowded into small spaces. I would also like to hear how dorm "get togethers" will be handled as well as the reports I've heard that RA's have been hands off as far as putting a stop to them. Will the RA's get more training? Will each dorm get like a "house mom"? From what I heard from my son there just seemed to be no regard to keeping those precautions when it came to not congregating. Him and his roommate both come from families with health sensitive family members so they did their best to follow the guidelines but then they also didn't get to connect with other students. What can they/we do to find that balance and keep everyone as healthy as possible?

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I definitely like to see all kids back on campus. Before re-opening all should be tested and sentinel testing done once opened. A more rigorous cleaning done in dining halls etc and enforcement of social distancing rules and mask wearing on campus. I thank JMU for all they have done so far and willingness to try and have a re-do. Also a huge shout out to Dr Tim Miller. JMU is extremely blessed to have him as a part of it's administration Go Dukers

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My daughter and I are both graduates of JMU and are proud of the quality of education we received at this public university. I was born in Harrisonburg and have ties to the business community here, as well

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as many friends who live in town; I currently live in Rockingham County. I, along with so many people on both sides of the political divide, have been alarmed by the high rates of infection and the degree of community spread the 'Burg has witnessed since the return of students to attend in-person classes; numbers have risen in the county, as well. To bring back a large number of students in October seems ill-advised and fool-hardy, not to mention the fact that 15,000 students still remain in the area. I have long believed in the power of a strong liberal arts education, and with that comes a moral responsibility to use critical thinking skills. Please use those skills, and base your decisions on the long-term physical and economic health of both residents and students. Educators, of all people, should be able to make thoughtful and realistic decisions that will benefit students, teachers, and residents of this part of the Commonwealth. Please be smart, and be safe, not sorry.

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I'm in favor of bringing the freshman back to campus on October 5. Virtual or in person classes, grab and go dining, social distance masks enforced. The freshman have had so much robbed from them this past year, they've been looking forward to being on a beautiful campus and worked hard to get there! bring them back please!

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Please bring the freshman back. My daughter cried the first week. Adjusted the second week and made some friends. Third week she was sent home. Struggling emotionally with classes asynchronous and no face to face help. Confidence dropping. Overwhelmed!!! Please send the back for hybrid classes. Students don't learn virtually. It is completely stressful.

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Several (5) points:

Use common sense and USE SOCIAL DISTANCING!!! My son was having to wait up to 45 minutes to get food at the dining hall, as many venues had extremely limited hours and Starship was booked up. Not acceptable. Get them in and out quickly.

If Harrisonburg has a limit of 50 people for gatherings, why were Gen Ed classes of 150+ meeting every class day in person?? We really liked the ideas of classes being divided into 2 or 3 sections with each section meeting one day a week in person to reduce the number in class.

I don't know how well you can make this work unless students are very transparent. I am hearing tons of stories of students being ill and not wanting to report it because they didn't want to be isolated. There have to be some sort of penalties that really stick for those who try to bypass the system. This includes professors who refuse to wear masks or stay behind screens if meeting in person.

Please eliminate fall break and don't bring back after Thanksgiving as this is just an invitation to spread across campus and back home. PLEASE BE VIRTUAL AFTER THANKSGIVING!!!

Please implement a random testing procedure as it seems to act as a bit of a deterrent to careless behavior.

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You guys are idiots. Thanks for making us a hotspot

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As a faculty member, I strongly advise against resuming in-person learning this October. Bringing students back in October will only increase the number of cases once more and force history to repeat itself. Though some measures have been put in place to improve the situation on campus, the same underlying problems that caused the outbreak early on this semester remain unaddressed. This includes the limited number of quarantine beds, improper enforcement of social distancing, and the fact that policing off-campus activities will remain a challenge. Our school's reputation has already been strongly damaged by the sudden outbreak early this semester. Let's not make the same mistake again. Otherwise, the public relations debacle that will almost certainly ensue will drive the nail in the coffin for our institution and hurt enrollment for years to come.

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Testing is key. Other universities do pool testing (entire dorm in one test) to narrow down if positive in group. Random testing on students. Even waste water testing. Also dining hall needs better distancing. More consequences for large gatherings. Bring them back but have more testing. Even test 2 days before go to campus.

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I would like to see us return to face-to-face learning. It's becoming clearer that students are being infected off campus, not on campus. Faculty and staff were relatively unaffected by the rise in cases, and JMU outbreaks seemed to be linked to social activity off campus. I do think we need crack down on social distancing on campus -- dining halls, for example. But as a faculty member, I feel safe on campus and think that consistent mask use is working to keep faculty and staff infections down.

Students and parents have lost trust in us. I think that we on a philosophical level need to accept that cases will occur here in Harrisonburg and get back to the business of educating our students via in-person experiences. Students are still here and still socializing, so we're working on the wrong problem by putting classes online. Keep classes face to face and crack down on social gatherings. I have no suggestions for how to do that, unfortunately. Perhaps it's a ridiculous notion.

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I am behind every effort JMU makes to get our Dukes back on campus. Appreciate the hard work you are putting in to make this happen.

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I would like to request that JMU stop misinforming the community and obfuscating data. Regarding misinformation: the Sept 16 Stop the Spread Update states: "the Virginia Department of Health is reporting a continuing decline in new cases over the last 10 days in our area..." That is wholly inaccurate. In the last 10 days 9/7 through 9/16 inclusive, VDH reported 558 new cases in Harrisonburg. In the prior 10 days 8/28 through 9/6, VDH reported 556 new cases in Harrisonburg. Not only is there no decrease over the past 10 days, but the total number of cases is 2 higher than the previous 10 days. This misinformation may play into your preferred narrative in convincing parents to send their students back to campus, but it is imaginary, deceptive, and mathematically incorrect. Regarding obfuscation: reporting only UHC-tested cases in the Stop the Spread COVID-19 Updates hides the ongoing addition of self-reported cases to the JMU community case count. Failing to provide a combined UHC and self-reported total on the Dashboard similarly makes the numbers look better than they are. #dobetterjmu

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Do not resume in-person learning, except for those cases which are already happening in particular disciplines. The continued disruption in student lives will impede their learning. In addition, many students are unaware of the toll the virus has had on their peers and their families. A facilitated dialogue in my class made many of them understand the impacts for the first time.



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I don't believe resuming in-person classes is the right decision at this time. Students did not rise to the occasion to stop the spread of this virus in August and I have no reason to believe that if we return in October circumstances will be any different. We should remain virtual for the remainder of the fall semester.

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As many students are still staying in town, I would like to go back to in-person learning in October. But, I would like to us to make downloading Covidwise app required and a stronger restriction on off-campus gatherings. At least, I hope the University specifically ask students to wear masks when they are not on campus.

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I would like for the University to use sound epidemiological/public health reasoning to determine whether or not we should come back to campus. Please also keep in mind that while we have many students who are 'doing the right thing', that there are also many students who will continue their risky behaviors. Many students who have returned home will not want to come back to campus for a few weeks, to return home for a Thanksgiving break. Many students/parents will demand to have continued online education....which will put a serious burden on already strained instructors to simultaneously offer all of their courses in multiple modalities. Given that leading epidemiologists have not been wrong in their predictions of disease spread and trend, the upcoming cold and flu season poses further risk for a 'dual epidemic'. I would want the university to focus on planning for the Spring Semester. All ideas should be on the table, public health and other health professionals should be consulted (outside of the ones that have already provided their expertise), and more effective health communication messaging for the campus community should be considered.

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The lack of structure or routine has disrupted the learning and self-regulation of our learners. Each change requires re-organization of time, space, resources, and thinking. Although flexible our learners are in need of care and understanding, and learning opportunities that respond to these needs and lack of permanency. For this reason, I think staying online through the winter holidays is the most viable choice. However, I think having a plan for regular and consistent contact with each learner through emails, video conferences, and/or phone calls is also necessary to establish and/or strengthen their sense of connection and community.

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I would like to have a full reopening, back to meeting in person in lectures, labs, etc. without undue restrictions

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It goes against all scientific analysis to think that campus can reopen to students without the exact same result as the previous attempt. Our reputation as an institution for learning is in tatters, with publications such as The NY Times ridiculing the decision making so far. A reopening would simply confirm our status as (in the words of a VA colleague) "the laughingstock of the state". There is no safe way to gather large groups together and the repeated attempts to do so appears mercenary and ignorant.

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Please allow the return of at least freshman to campus since the infections have decreased and the severity of Covid is at a lower risk to the group. I would advise if folks are at higher risk that they stay at home. Adjustments can be made or have already been made to allow for togo at dining halls and please find a way to have more enforcement and consequences since my understanding is that there was no enforcement of size of dorm gatherings or folks from other dorm. My understanding is that other schools

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such as cnu have put measures in place on all these items that have helped. Might also consider a Covid test prior to coming back on campus to have a baseline.

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I understand that an administrative position is a difficult position in times of crisis, and I understand that there are a number of stakeholders' needs to take into consideration in making decisions regarding university operations. I also understand that there is no way any decision is going to satisfy all stakeholders. However, I've noticed two things. First, in multiple faculty senate townhalls with Provost Coltman, faculty have stressed the importance of transparency in decision making and organization in implementation. There has been a lot of communication, but that is not necessarily either transparency or organization. Transparency requires not just communicating plans but also an explanation for the reasoning behind plans. Organization requires a clear plan with clearly laid out contingencies. I'm sure administration has this, but this doesn't seem to have been communicated to stakeholders. We have certainly received a lot of communications, but without knowing the overall game plan, these communications have come across as administration being somewhat disorganized. Second, is the number one priority student health and safety. I've heard that explicitly stated in multiple communications from administration. If student health and safety is truly the number one priority, it seems quite clear that the safest option for students would be not having them sharing living spaces on or off campus? If student health isn't the number one priority, don't say it is. JMU is important to me and I'm concerned about its long term success. I'm extremely concerned that saying that student health is the number one priority and making decisions inconsistent with will be seen as disingenuous and do far more to damage current and prospective students' trust in the institution over the long term than any budgetary damage this pandemic will do in the short term. I'm well aware that my analysis here does not capture the complexities that administrators are dealing with in the decision making process. But again, I think that is a big part of the frustration on the part of students, staff, and faculty and speaks to the need for greater transparency. I'm sure most would be much more understanding and supportive of the administration's decisions if we were all more aware of why decisions are being made. So, in short, it's not about whether the decision is made to return to in-person classes or not. It's about communicating to everyone why the decision was made.

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The science is clear that the morbidity of this virus to children and young adults is very small. It feels to me, a faculty member (58 with asthma) that we are sacrificing our children's future over our "old" fears. I, for one, feel we should pivot back to online. I can minimize my own risks to my satisfaction

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Hopefully, during this month away, JMU has been able to find out what other VA colleges are doing differently and start implementing appropriate changes immediately. First, dining facilities were way too crowded. More to go options are a necessity and indoor seating should be eliminated or extremely limited at this time. Also, all self serve options should be eliminated. DHall had eliminated self serve options but Market 64 still had a food bar and salad bar. Other VA colleges have strictly limited the dining facilities on campus. Second, any classes that cannot properly social distance should remain online or at least come up with a hybrid schedule to spread the students out more. Third, off campus students should be limited with meal plans and on campus activity. Rules regarding off campus parties should be strictly enforced. Fourth, all rules on campus must be strictly enforced. From other discussions I've had it sounds like other VA colleges are being more strict with rules and more serious with enforcement. At JMU, RAs were not enforcing the rules with visitors to dorms for the short time the students were living on campus. Fifth, more quarantine/isolation space needs to be acquired. JMU simply does not have enough quarantine/isolation space to handle a spike in cases. Finally, rapid testing is a necessity as I believe other VA colleges are doing this and it could potentially help to stay out in front of COVID outbreaks. I

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don't have a lot of confidence in leaving this up to self reporting on the LiveSafe App. The students must get back to school as 100% virtual learning should only be a short-term solution. Freshman most definitely need to get back as the transition to college and online learning is huge for them.

It's clear that we should not return to in-person learning. The current number of infected in Harrisonburg, mostly students living off campus, is ten times the number necessary to designate the city a hot spot/red zone and rising. Should we return to in-person learning, it is pretty much a sure thing that we'll be back online within days. I suggest we expend the resources to make every class an excellent online class, using existing expertise and hiring any expertise we may lack, and that we stay online in the spring. At the same time, we mount a PR campaign aimed at parents to assure them that JMU has moved heaven and earth to provide an excellent education via online instruction.

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This is probably not a good idea, based on what has already happened.

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As a parent and a faculty member- I would hope we would do things differently if we intend to reopen. Ideally we need to test everyone on campus and those returning before moving to in-person classes. We need to give less than 3 strikes as some students think it is okay to mess up once. We can't let this get so bad again or no parent will want to send their children back to us. I personally would recommend waiting to try again if you cannot test every student once as after one disaster-- it would be better to be safe than sorry because someone dies. In January do it very different and test before they get here. Get rid of Spring Break and start a week or two late so that more winter has gone by before the students start classes.

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This seems leading. "Resuming in-person learning" and "full campus operations"? It reads as if the decision has already been made and for many people those were two of the on-campus factors that lead to the rapid spread of the virus in the first days opening. The campus needs to remain significantly de-densified and it seems the most effective way to do that is the drastically reduce the in-person course offerings. Most universities are well below 50% for in-person class offerings and are much closer to 20-25% in-person, with almost no classes exceeded 30 students in-person at a given time. I am not sure why we would attempt to exceed the numbers of other universities, particularly those comparable to us. In addition, it is unfair to students to put them through the academic whiplash of having to adjust - again - to delivery method changes. Put the people in-person who MUST be in-person (labs, studios, etc) but leave everyone else remote and let's allow the virus levels to stay manageable.

I would be curious what factor the results of this survey plays in the decision making. Faculty, staff and students spend quite a bit of time exceptionally concerned and desperate to contribute to the conversations. Could you be transparent as to what information has been helpful? What you have used? How it has been compiled and disseminated? Many of us have faithfully and thoughtfully engaged in every single one of these requests but have never heard a word about how our investment in this process has been honored.

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Please focus FTF learning on those programs/courses that require FTF (ie: Nursing and other Health Professions) and continue with online learning in classes that can be provided as effectively through online formats. Encourage synchronous online learning as much as possible.

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Please consider the mental health of your students. The Freshman have had too much taken from them

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this year (I.e. Graduation) and are now experiencing loneliness and lack of support from the school. The online classes are sub-par and do not live up to expectations or the cost. I have been very disappointed in how badly this situation has been handled. Other schools are making it work in person, JMU needs to figure it out.

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It'll be still very dangerous to resume in-person learning on campus, and it should be better for all JMU students, staffs, and faculty to continue distance-learning till the end of the semester.

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Objective scientific reports indicate the virus and the regular flu will become much more serious in November. This means hospital beds will fill up with flu and COVID-19 patents making it next to impossible to treat both groups. JMU has to be out of its mind to open up again to in person classes with what is predicted to happen.

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Institute regular rapid testing for all persons attending courses or working on campus, or at minimum, pooled testing and wastewater testing as indicators of which segments of campus population to individually test.

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#### Resume

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Students need to return to campus even if classes remain remote. During this transition what has become so evident is the campaign by professors and people who do not attend or have children who attend campaigning to close the campus. Many families have selected JMU based on their reputation which is now questionable. We are paying for our children to attend this college and deserve to be heard and listened to. If this behavior continues it is clear JMU does not represent their students or families that pay tuition but outside entities with clear plans to fit their agendas. I am so disappointed and embarrassed by what occurred to our children. While other Virginia universities still remain on campus it is unacceptable our students are not there.

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Personally, I think it's the best thing to do. The freshman are struggling a lot and sending us home is causing us severe mental health concerns. The last month there has been no hospitalization or deaths. JMU even stated mostly to all cases are mild and over a thousand are recovered. Everyone that has been tested positive has done their quarantine and recovered safely. For the future people who contact the virus will also be recovered safely. Parents and students are wasting their time right now being at home and spending thousands on tuition to be learning nothing this asynchronous way. We are struggling and want to get back to campus. No one at this age should be relying on their parents, we need to learn to be on our own. Sending us home was a horrible idea. I'm glad JMU looks out for safety but you gave no one a heads up on this decision. Send us back so we can learn and earn the education we are paying thousands towards. It's draining physically and mentally sitting behind a computer for hours every single day. At our age, we are all safe from this virus, and we deserve to be living a college experience and I believe everyone is for coming back to campus even with rules applied. All other universities are controlling the virus. A spike was going to happen no matter what. We all live and the more recovered cases the safer the community. Send us back!!!

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Strong preference for health data driven decisions - which would mean remaining online. If faculty are capable to pivot their class to online after a week, they are capable of finishing the semester that way. Better transparency (demonstrated by informing people of plan options with budget consequences and

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allowing input from employees, not simply informing employees after a decision has been made). The current plan has us returning for midterms - faculty need to know IN ADVANCE so exam planning can be appropriate to the situation (unproctored exams are very problematic).

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As faculty, I think you are doing an excellent job at transparency with the COVID-19 dashboard. I would like to see JMU require the COVIDWISE app as part of a requirement for students to come back on campus for both classes and living.

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Lots of students want to stay and learn but don't want to be in person. Teaching in person and online is a waste of our time. We absolutely need to remain online and the students will stay - trust them. Trust us to teach them effectively - online. We will.

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Bring the freshman back and hold all students to more stringent guidelines especially in the dining areas. If off campus students get Covid they should remain off campus!

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9/16/20: As a Music professor, I have been very relieved to see the Covid numbers decrease since the student/professor population on campus has been radically decreased. My students (voice students) and I are just starting to find what works well Online. There is only one singer with whom I haven't worked with at all: this student unfortunately contracted Covid within the first week of on-campus classes. S/he is responsible and does not take risks. However, the constant coughing for weeks has created severe laryngitis, which of course is halting all vocalization and thus Learning for this class.

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Student safety and health, among other Covid concerns, needs to remain at the top of our priorities. I strongly urge the University to extend the Online model for another month, so that we can continue Safe Learning/Teaching.

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Testing for anyone 7 days a week on campus. Some can't get appointments at CVS for several days or have to drive to Charlottesville to get a test. Be transparent about how we are monitoring and/or helping city police reduce risky off-campus behavior. Many of the issues that have come up with my own students are related to other students' risky of campus behavior and secondary contacts. It has taken them days to get tested and then they found out that they are negative and were upset because they had to miss several days of in-person instruction.

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I do not feel comfortable resuming in-person classes at all. In order to feel comfortable resuming in-person classes I feel like there needs to be a massive change. It just is not possible to clean up after and enforce distancing of so many thousands of students. I personally have seen students off campus test positive and within two days go somewhere public. If we go back in person the numbers will go up again and I feel we'll inevitably be moved online again. It isn't fair to have the students volley back and forth between those two totally different learning environments like that, especially the students in dorms.

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After many discussions with my freshman, we have come to the conclusion the hall bathrooms were not being cleaned as stated or presented to the VDH. He lives in Eagle for 16 days and not once did he see his janitor spraying disinfectant. He only saw them mopping. I contacted Gary Shears about my concerns and was told bathrooms are take out of service when they are cleaned. This never happened during the 16 days my son lived on campus. After he returned home, many Dukes that live in our town were sharing their experiences. There was one consistent complaint - the bathrooms are not getting cleaned. One girl,

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who lives in Hillside, asked her RA if their bathrooms were supposed to be cleaned because no one had touched them for several days. In order for students to attend class, they must be healthy. Living in dorms with shared bathrooms leaves parents to be VERY concerned with the housekeeping and what is not being done. If this was a concern in one dorm, I would try to show some understand however, this was reported in Hillside, the village, Chesapeake and Eagle. I don't feel comfortable sending my child back to a dirty dorm especially when we are ramping up for cold, flu and Covid.

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Mandatory testing of all students, faculty, and staff; follow up random testing throughout the rest of the semester. Cancel fall break and no return to in person after Thanksgiving break.

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Only about 1/3 of my students want to return to in-person classes, the rest are afraid to return to campus or worried about the disruption of a second shift in teaching modality. It is not practical or ethical to force students who legitimately fear for their health to take in-person classes, which would not be effective under such conditions. It is also not practical to force faculty to teach both in-person and fully online versions of their classes, as different content, assignments, and pedagogy is needed. I am already working 12 hour days (teaching my full course load synchronously online, while also providing about 50% of course content in asynchronous format due to the schedule changes imposed over the summer); I am very worried that I am already on track to burn out. I would greatly prefer to be in my classroom, however the overwhelming majority of my students express preference to remain online.

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Enforcement of positive COVID quarantines, including mandatory tracking of positive cases and penalties for failure to adhere to quarantine requirements (JMU is currently treating a positive test result as a privacy matter, meaning that JMU is allowing symptomatic positive students do anything on campus that they choose, despite the governor's executive order, because JMU doesn't want to disclose to staff or faculty that a student is positive-- but JMU isn't a health care provider, and even if they were, they are permitted to disclose such info to other employees of their institution and their contractors, and additionally, if they were a health care institution, they'd also be obligated to provide a high level of safety for their employees; they cannot have it both ways and try to limit information under this guise and yet fail to provide for employee safety and limit employee and contractor info to data, because that's not how HIPAA works); contact tracing (the governor isn't requiring this, but it isn't prohibited, either, it is merely optional, and universities can choose to make it a requirement for positive tests). Actual enforcement of the so-called student code of conduct, including off campus behaviors (stop inviting students to report using Live Safe if the policy is to ignore anonymous reports-- that's a time waster and bad faith action on JMU's part), where actual disciplinary penalties are involved, including suspensions (and refusal to refund tuition and fees under those circumstances). My student neighbors violate the code of conduct regularly, because JMU isn't serious. This risks our safe return. Fire the VP of Student Affairs, and hire someone

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who is serious about safe and responsible student conduct (and who won't hold a mask free non-socially distanced media event on Hillside with an inflatable screen during a pandemic, because this is not promoting or modeling responsible behaviors, and is instead promoting the image of JMU as valuing social events and being a party school over academics and appropriate behavior during a pandemic). This is a serious public health crisis. JMU's actions do not suggest that it is serious about the pandemic. (Our faculty spokeswoman suggests that the absence of faculty input on planning for the pandemic in academics is due to the need for a small committee size. So, Andy Perrine is more essential to this and knowledgeable about science and teaching than a faculty member would be? Nothing against Andy, but he serves a different role. The content of the planning committee itself communicates JMU's priorities.)

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JMU faces an increasingly dire financial situation the longer it continues offering instruction online. Therefore I am in support of returning to campus at the earliest opportunity. I felt that the protections in place on campus—including the requirement that students and faculty wear masks in buildings, and maintain distancing—were effective. (I am not privy to their effectiveness in dining and residence halls.)

The coronavirus invites the institution to pick its poison. Neither primarily online instruction, nor a return to campus offer ideal scenarios. However, I believe that the financial implications of not returning offer the more severe alternative, and outweigh the health risks associated with bringing the students back. These implications include the possibility of salary-give backs and furloughs, and have already resulted in the curtailment or threatened curtailment of non-base salary enhancements which some faculty receive for undertaking additional work for the university, and which faculty rely upon to support their families.

The world needs to learn to live with the coronavirus. The longer we wait before seeking a return to normal operations, or as normal as is possible during the pandemic, the farther along a path toward economic destruction we travel.

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JMU's plan to return to in-person learning is ill thought out, irresponsible, and morally bankrupt. In the absence of systematic COVID19 testing and contact tracing, the spread of this airborne virus cannot be contained in closed and collective living quarters. JMU's policies are exposing students, faculty, and the broader JMU community to unnecessary danger that can be prevented. Instead of these haphazard decisions, the administration should allow us to settle into our online teaching routines, and commit to preventing the unnecessary spread of this virus. All this is not to mention the climate of hysteria and fear that ensued during the first couple of weeks of the semester. JMU faculty, the students, and the broader Harrisonburg community deserve better than this.

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Professor of Political Science

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Campus should be primarily online with only very few classes in person, truly socially distanced; any in person teaching should be SOLELY at the instructor's discretion. NO FACULTY SHOULD BE COMPELLED TO TEACH IN PERSON. NONE. NONE. NONE!!!

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People are used to the online right now. You all can't even get your dining halls to where kids are able to distance. Bringing back all those kids isn't going to help. Fall Break and Halloween (it is on a Saturday this year), then Thanksgiving is going to bring too many students back and forth to be able to contain this virus. Better to leave it online this semester, then do whatever you can to prevent what happened at the

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beginning of this year from happening again in the Spring.

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The spread of COVID among students, staff, faculty, and of course to the community is very important to consider. However, my biggest concern with returning to person resides in the drastic shift of learning platforms for a second time in the semester (and third if another outbreak occurs and causes campus to close). I noticed my students (many of whom are freshman) having a difficult time with the transition. My course had minimal changes when the transition occurred, something I was intentional about when I planned for all scenarios, however many students still had a tough time juggling the change of their 4-5 courses, along with moving, and handling the emotional upset the change caused. My worry is that if we return to in-person, those students who return will again have to adjust to the transition while keeping up with their courses AGAIN and it could cause more issues than it solves. And if another outbreak occurs, which is possible, it would cause a THIRD shift in learning platforms. I don't believe that this is a risk that JMU should take. JMU's decision to return to in-person in the fall was a risk that was undertaken in order to preserve enrollment, however it backfired very quickly and has left a bad taste for many students/parents. The risk of returning again and having another outbreak would surely cause even more damage to JMU's reputation and enrollment, as well as continuing to make it difficult for students to succeed in classes that are continuously changing. I believe that many faculty have applied to keep their courses online regardless of the decision simply as a way to keep their class consistent for the students.

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This is all you need to know about my feelings. Google James Madison University, and the news is not pretty. Headlines like, "Harrisonburg labeled a hot spot", "JMU has the highest COVID rate in the state". Excerpts from articles with passages like, "In interviews, some J.M.U. students described the experience of watching hundreds of students around them test positive for Covid-19 as bizarre, chaotic and paranoia inducing." Yes, there are many other institutions out there dealing with similar issues, but it's JMU that is making the headlines. If we bring them back in person, it'll just end up worse. There is no good way to stop the spread short of keeping people apart. Yes, it will hurt JMU's bottom line, but that should be secondary to the health of JMU's students, staff and faculty. Period.

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I understand that there are business decisions to make, but I believe anything other than going fully online for the remainder of the fall semester would be incredibly short-sighted. What happened in early-September is more than likely to occur if we bring everyone back on campus a second time. And WHEN that fails, it may have bought more time, but there will be a MUCH larger enrollment, trust, and reputation fallout with students, parents, faculty, staff, surrounding communities, etc. There will be no spinning the truth that lives were put at risk for a business. I am saying this as someone who's livelihood depends on the financial health of JMU. But I would be embarrassed if we did anything other than guarded the well-being of the students while we have the power to do so.

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I think a stricter enforcement with bad off campus behaviors would be better. For example, suspending students like what Virginia Tech has been doing may be the only way to lower the spread. Reduce the dining hall capacity may be helpful too. Continuing with what we have been doing, wearing masks and social distancing.

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The university made the wrong decision by bringing students back to campus. We should have made the decision to take the fall semester fully online during the summer. As a faculty member who was "strongly encouraged" to teach face-to-face because I work with primarily first year students, I feel as though I (and others like me) was sacrificed for the university's bottom line. I meet none of the criteria to qualify for



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online accommodations, and was sent into a classroom populated by infectious disease vectors. It was scary and anxiety provoking.

Further, the decision to resume on campus residential living was irresponsible. What were we thinking? The health of the JMU (and Aramark) employees who work on campus with students is at risk. The health of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham community is at risk. We were asking college age people to do something (physically distance) that is virtually impossible because of the close proximity of living in residence halls. JMU is making news for all the wrong reasons, and in my opinion, mishandled the fall semester.

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Don't come back in person this semester

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I would like to see more precautions in regard to dining. My daughter said during FROG week the FROGS had large groups in D Hall. The food should be ordered in through an app and taken to go, like many other universities.

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PLEASE instruct professors to keep anti Republican rhetoric out of their lectures and new student orientation. Especially if they do not provide both sides for critical thinking. Students are afraid to speak up and disagree for fear of receiving poor grades. Just stick to subject. Reading a lot about this in JMU parents discussion boards particularly in STEM classes

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Given the predictable problems with JMU's aborted fall face-to-face opening, it would of course be folly to try the same thing again in October. The only way the result would be any different in October is if JMU decided to ditch the LiveSafe app (which relies on self reporting...for a virus that spreads asymptotically for the most part among college student) and enact a real strategy that includes robust asymptomatic testing of all students/staff and contact tracing.

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As a citizen of Harrisonburg I find it irresponsible of you to even consider bringing students back to campus. Given your track record, complete and utter failure at the beginning of the semester, you should be embarrassed. Your plan or lack thereof, will not result in anything different than before. Sure, most of the initial cases were from off campus students, but what in your plan makes you believe ANY of those off campus behaviors will change? Did the off campus student body change over the last three weeks? Did 18-22 year olds suddenly develop the capacity to think critically and about someone other than themselves. It appears all of you have forgotten your training, if you had any to begin with, on adolescent development. On campus students were complaining about lines in the dining halls, lack of social distancing in the classrooms, irresponsible mask wearing and lack of enforcement, how are any of things going to change? What is the "new" plan to keep everyone safe? There's a HUGE lack of transparency and communication. Are you doing mass testing when everyone comes on campus (the LiveSafe App is worthless)? Are you going to test weekly or every three days? So many unanswered questions. The decision should not be based on money!!! The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior, PAY ATTENTION!!! What you did/did not do three weeks ago will not work! Think about how you will have to answer those questions when your plan fails again. Have you addressed the administrative bloat at the University? Has anyone who makes more than \$200,000 offered to take a pay cut? Have they been told they are getting a pay cut? Why is the football coach still making over \$400,000 when they aren't even playing. I'd rather see the lower paid staff keep their jobs than administration continue to earn ridiculous amounts of money. Higher education is being disrupted and some Universities are not going to survive by

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doing the same thing they've always done.

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At the risk of being fired because this survey was intentionally thrown in under the wire, not well publicized to faculty and staff...and is not anonymous.

Please stop trying to create your own plan; follow the plans of a University doing it well which would include ALL of the following:

- (1) stop listening to your echo chamber on the Senior Leadership Team and AVPs; go down the chain of command, the skills JMU needs right now are already present in your current employee roster; you just aren't asking the right people, or tasking the right people
- (2) if you bring back faculty to campus, PLEASE budget for teaching assistants in the classroom to manage the live streaming while your faculty focus on great teaching (who on this planet thinks a faculty member can effectively teach while setting up and running Zoom, stand in front of the camera, manage the chat window in Zoom AND run small group activities and engaged learning at the same time; if you don't believe me, ask the X-Labs, it isn't possible)
- (3) stop promising perfection to parents and students
- (4) stop issuing unfunded mandates to faculty like this baloney about synchronous learning and interactivity when faculty worked uncompensated all summer long to prep EACH fall class in THREE formats and we find out AFTER classes shift online overnight that the Provost demands synchronous learning and interactivity that meets or exceeds face-to-face classes (which has required preparing Fall classes a 4th time in the past week without a break, while Academic and Student Affairs pleads with us to be lenient on grading, attendance, and student participation in their own classes)
- (5) mandatory testing for all to return to campus
- (6) random, surveillance testing
- (7) prosecution of social distancing and mask wearing guidelines for on campus residents, i.e. overcrowding on elevators, embracing, kissing, hugging, high-fiving of each other for not wearing masks (just ask FM for the video surveillance, there is at least three weeks worth of 13-15 students per elevator in the dorms with less than 25% wearing masks in elevators with signage to have less than 5 people at a time)
- (8) the return to campus should happen in waves, not all at once
- (9) the Fall semester should have started early and ended by Thanksgiving
- (10) the Spring semester should start later (February 1) and end in May, with no Spring Break
- (11) perhaps consider that all GEN EDS be ALL online, seriously?! If BRCC can do it, so can you
- (12) use Convo and the indoor football practice facility as isolation and quarantine facilities, like a field hospital, not the dorms
- (13) do not require the lowest paid employees on campus to work around or in rooms with positive COVID patients
- (14) mark the rooms where positive COVID patients are located and do not allow these students to move around campus
- (15) do not ask FM employees to transport positive COVID patients in a van around campus
- (16) and most certainly DO NOT FORCE employees to do this work without proper PPE; JMU does not enough Tyvek suits people...not in the least
- (17) put Joe Fitzgerald in charge of reporting the dashboard
- (18) tell the truth on the dashboard, i.e. do not report the number of isolation and quarantine beds available, who cares? JMU blew past the 143 beds in the first 3 days of classes as you shut down entire

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houses on Greek Row and did not count those isolation and quarantine beds so the reporting appeared to be less dramatic than the reality of a full blown public health crisis in 1 square mile of campus and the surrounding city, and then the infections grew to be in every dorm and on every floor

(19) perhaps, you should consider getting help from the employees who are military service veterans on campus who have collectively, hundreds of years of actual experience in effectively managing health crises, biological weapons, and hazardous materials in austere environments; they also have a tremendous amount of experience in herding and effectively managing 18-23 year olds. They might know a thing or two about crisis operations and logistics involving young adults with under-developed frontal lobes and high levels of risk tolerance.

(20) anyone willing to work around positive patients should be paid extra for hazardous duty

(21) retask landscaping staff to housekeeping, temporarily, and pay them more per hour. No bulb planting this year, no grub prevention, no constant blowing of leaves, focus on what's most important - the health and wellbeing of faculty, staff, students, and the Valley community.

(22) Know that your decision to restart classes on campus caused serious economic and mental hardship on the Valley community AND YOUR FACULTY AND STAFF. Our K-12 kids are not in school because the JMU students' education was prioritized.

Seriously, the leadership abilities required to get things back on track are already on campus, look within. You are ignoring them, why?

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My nephew attends Colorado State. The dining halls are all take out only. He places order and receives text to collect food and eat in dorm room or outside. Might at least prevent embarrassing photos of unsocially distanced dining halls and open salad bars.

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I'm not a JMU student or faculty member but have lived in the area for almost 20 years. JMU has helped out little town flourish and provides excellent opportunities for many people in the community. However, I'm thoroughly disappointed in how the return to school/campus/Harrisonburg was handled. Because of how JMU students acted there's a very real possibility that my elementary and middle school aged children will not to get set foot in their schools again this year. They're at a much more vulnerable age than college students and I sincerely hope that JMU actually takes the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County community into consideration with whatever plans they have in place for any future return to school that happens.

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The university must do everything possible to ensure that the next reopening attempt will be more successful than the last. This should include an acknowledgement of the failed opening in August, and a scientifically-based new plan, clearly communicating what will be different moving forward. Wishful

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thinking was never going to be a successful strategy and it certainly won't be now. If the most viable reopening plan includes waiting until January so that surveillance covid testing is readily available, so be it. Our students and families may give us one more attempt to get it right, but they will most certainly not give us two more. Trust in JMU must be restored for the university to survive and thrive well into the future.

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I wonder if application of the Madison Collaborative's 8 key questions for ethical decision making might be helpful and informative as leadership grapples with coming to the decision that best serves members of the JMU community and the Harrisonburg/Rockingham county community?

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Students need and deserve the option of face to face learning. Online learning is not adequate for pre licensure and graduate programs. Students need the preparation for the complex healthcare environment. Our clinical partners have expressed concern about the educational experiences of this population of students. The clinical partners have tremendous budget concerns and can not support or extend orientation periods. Pre licensure programs need the priority for large classroom spaces and to remain in labs and clinical settings.

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I believe we should err on the side of resuming in-person classes. First, we can always close again if need be. Second, it seems that individual faculty are being allowed to decide whether they will teach in person; so there should be no grounds for complaint by them/us. Third, many COVID tests apparently tend to produce a lot of false positives--though I don't know which test we used; our student infection rate may have been exaggerated. Fourth, though we apparently had many student infections, this disease is apparently less deadly than most seasonal flus (the plural of 'flu' is 'flus'...who knew?) to people of our students' average ages. Fifth, though it can be deadly to old geezers such as one finds among the faculty, few of us were infected--even student infections didn't seem to be happening in the classroom. Sixth, this illness has become a political football, and progressives have become committed to exaggerating its severity. Since the vast majority of faculty are on the progressive left, they can be expected to exaggerate the danger posed by teaching in person. Finally, I think most of us should be more concerned about the future of the institution than about getting COVID-19, which tends to pose little risk to healthy people under 60.

I'll add that we should have a less-draconian mask policy. It's foolish to tell people to wear masks when they are walking across a sparsely-populated part of campus. I don't do it--in fact I intentionally take my mask off more than I might specifically because I tend to defy unreasonable rules. The university can encourage the use of masks without being unreasonable about it--though, of course, it isn't clear they do much.

Also, it'd be a lot easier to teach in person if classrooms had more plexiglass. It's nearly impossible to teach while wearing a mask. A second "island" protected by plexiglass would allow us to dash back and forth instead of being trapped in one small portion of the room. Even a wooden frame with a drop cloth stretched across it would do the trick. I'm eager to get back in the classroom, but if I have to choose between teaching in a mask or keeping my courses online, I'll probably do the latter.

This survey should have been publicized.

Regards,

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Philosophy

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Bring the freshman back and hold all students to more stringent guidelines especially in the dining areas. If off campus students get Covid they should remain off campus!

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I think we should resume in person teaching to provide the best educational opportunities to the students.

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Until the state and the nation has some proper controls in their response to the virus, including real regulations on social distancing, gatherings, mask wearing, etc. - with teeth and actual consequences for violations - plus a vaccine and therapeutic treatment options, I cannot see how we can contemplate re-opening the university for in person classes. We seem to be no closer to testing that has same day results that make isolation and contact tracing is possible for people with the virus. I commend the university's efforts to create spaces for teaching, and most students seem to take social distancing and safety precautions seriously. Yet this was not enough to prevent the spread. Especially off campus, I saw many students gathering with no masks or distancing - it is just simply difficult to get young people to modify their behavior and it only takes a few people to spread the disease. But you know all this, I don't think I'm relaying any new information. I do not plan to resume in person teaching this semester (I was online for all my classes from the beginning) and see nothing that gives me any confidence that the situation will improve by the Spring semester. I don't blame JMU, we are the victim of forces outside of our control - not to mention the expanding spread of disinformation on social media and certain media outlets. Until there is a concerted federal response and a revolution in the way the general population behaves towards containing the spread, I don't see how we can reopen anytime soon.

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It is my informed opinion as a microbiologist that those students who went home should return and that in-person classes should be resumed for any professors who choose that option. No faculty should be required to teach in person, but should have the option. Our risks will be the same in January as now. We simply have to push through this as safely as we can, understanding that there will be cases, with and without symptoms. Use this next two weeks to increase the quarantine capacity, reinforce all the other support systems, and make adjustments based on the data gathered during that first week of the semester. This viral infection can't be stopped, but it can be controlled.

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Please if you care at all about the Harrisonburg or Rockingham County communities and the children and adults who live here, DO NOT bring your students back in person and please continue all virtual learning for your students. The area high schools have committed to all virtual learning at least through the end of the semester because high school students are capable of learning virtual. If they can do it, why can't you?!? Our COVID numbers have just started to go back down since you sent your students home and switched to all online. If you selfishly choose to now bring your students back or add in person or hybrid classes you will literally be risking people's lives for no reason and putting our community's youngest and most vulnerable children at further risk of being unable to attend school in person. College students are more than capable of learning virtually. Young children, ELL, and those with special needs are not!!! Please make your decisions based on science and morality and not MONEY!!!!

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As a resident of Harrisonburg, I feel strongly that the campus' decision-making around being in-person or virtual MUST be done in collaboration with city leaders and with the community health under consideration as well. The long-term legacy of non-collaboration between city and campus must change. I am tired of the campus saying 'we are the state, so the city must comply' and the city assuming 'campus doesn't see itself as part of our city, so why bother.'

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Please continue to do all virtual learning to protect the community and especially our vulnerable youth. Our children deserve the opportunity to have in person or blended learning and if JMU students return and numbers go back up it will prevent our children from the opportunity to learn in person. It is more difficult for a child with less means to learn virtually than a college student. Please consider the health of not only the community that supports JMU, but our most vulnerable, our young children.

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Dining hall hours need to be expanded significantly. Current lines, especially in the new dining hall, can keep people waiting for close to an hour in an environment where social distancing is impossible.

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It clearly did not go well the first time, so I'd like to know what will be done differently. It appeared very callous and to have complete disregard for the local community that is now dealing with the impact. Without a significantly better plan in place, I urge you to make decisions based on science, including the science that shows the lack of mature decision making skills by college age students.

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I'm in favor of bringing the freshman back to campus on October 5. Virtual or in person classes, grab and go dining, social distance masks enforced. The freshman have had so much robbed from them this past year, they've been looking forward to being on a beautiful campus and worked hard to get there! bring them back please!

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I am very disappointed with how the University has handled this pandemic. To consider bringing the students back after the time and expense of dropping them off and picking them up after a week is just inconsiderate especially given that fall break will follow in just a couple of weeks. Finish the semester virtually and hopefully you will have it together by second semester.

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Let me tell you a story. A college student goes off to school during a pandemic. They are given freedom they don't have at home. They go out and party regardless of their college telling them the consequences for doing so. The consequences are to short term and don't mean enough to their still developing brains. They ignore the rules and continue to visit their friends. They don't know they are sick, so they spread the sickness to all of the friends at the party. Those Friends then go to class in a building over crowded with students because no actual precautions for social distancing was put into action. Their dining halls weren't shut down, everyone was still allowed to purchase a dining plan. These students infect their professors, the janitors, the food service workers. These employees then carry it back home to their spouses who then carry it

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back to their jobs. Their kids pick it up. They take it to their grandparents who are currently having to keep them all day since schools are still closed because the numbers of those infected keeps climbing because the local college allowed their students to remain on campus without precautions. This is how it happens. I needed to explain it because someone at JMU DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND HOW A PANDEMIC WORKS! Please for the love of everything holy keep the students virtual. Harrisonburg numbers are DROPPING because the students have been sent home! Did you not see how fast they climbed when they got here? We are now a HOT SPOT. We weren't a hot spot before! Do not return the students to campus! They are more than capable to do school virtually- my child at Virginia Tech has figured it out so I'm positive JMU students can to- and maybe next semester or next year they can resume the campus life you seem to really want them to have.

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Maybe don't hold in-person classes during a pandemic. Why do you expect this second opening will be any different than the first? College students are low risk, but the new COVID cases aren't contained to the university campus.

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I just can't fathom how to do it safely. Even if students' behavior was perfect and they wore masks all the time and didn't party, they still live in dorms and eat in the dining halls. Social distancing on campus, especially as the weather gets worse, seems extremely difficult. The back and forth from in-person or hybrid to fully online seems disruptive. Why not just do online for the rest of the semester and let everyone get into a rhythm with that?

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My impression is that the JMU decision making process is broken. Open today, close tomorrow.

So should we open in October, I would be happy. If we open. If we close again, I will be dispondent.

I hope that Pres Alger is wise enough to predict. He certainly doesn't have a good track record,

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As a lifelong member of the Hbg/Rockingham County community, I feel that JMU needs to continue with distance /virtual learning at least thru the end of the year. I am a mom of two boys, one with special needs who in person learning in his elementary school is the only option for him to receive a proper and fair education. If the numbers in Hbg/Rockingham continue to rise at the level they have over the past few weeks then I fear local schools will have no option for in person learninf which would be devastating for my family.

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I think JMU needs to be 100% virtual. The love children can't go to school, neither should the college students who are more highly capable of doing online work.

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I will not be getting a contract renewed because of the budget. I'd like to at least preserve my health. If I am denied the request to teach online AND JMU returns to in-person and full on campus student population again, I will quit or pursue legal options. We are "higher education"

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and I don't want any part of it if this is the way I am treated. I loved JMU as a student and cannot say the same as a faculty. It is not all about the students. It is not about the faculty and taking care of your staff. It is about the money. That has been made very obvious. It doesn't matter what my feedback is here. This is all for show; but is it really? This survey was buried. And I hope it doesn't take a faculty member or student getting buried to wake whoever is reading this up. This survey should be titled "STOP THE STUPIDITY".

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I think JMU should avoid a rush back to campus. To be frank, I think staying virtual for the entire semester would be prudent. Any plan to re-open the campus must include a comprehensive COVID testing plan. Either test all students upon return or require that they get tested before returning. Testing should not be limited to symptomatic individuals, but should also include surveillance testing of all students, faculty and other staff as frequently as possible. These should be inexpensive tests that can be administered frequently, provide rapid results and only be sensitive enough to detect transmissible amounts of virus. In addition to keeping people safer, waiting to re-open until next semester would allow more time for less expensive tests to become available.

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I love having the students in our city during normal times. During this pandemic it seems foolhardy right now to have in person classes. Our COVID numbers were declining until the students came back. In one week the cases jumped 67%. Please protect the safety of JMU community and our city

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As evidenced by Caitlyn Read's comment in the NYT, the school's administration takes no responsibility for creating this situation and have released no plans for how they will create a safer environment. Until their actions are investigated and those responsible are held accountable, the school should not be permitted to reopen.

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We need more information before we can assess how any of us feel about this. We need more information, i.e. consequences of not coming back, changes in how we will proceed if we do come back (as per student management/guidelines/mandates), etc.

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My daughter is a Senior and is having a difficult time with managing her barely taught classes on line. I am not paying for an education where she needs to basically teach herself. She can not afford to not do well and getting these seniors back to in person classes or holding the professors accountable to teach during the designated hours they were suppose is extremely important.

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I feel as long as students are smart and can follow guidelines they should be allowed back to in school classes. College is a great experience. I'm sad they are missing out.

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For all the incoming Freshmen, not being on campus is extremely disappointing, but please take into account that bringing them back on campus at the end of September will only cause



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another spike until a vaccine is developed to control the spread. Their living quarters are just too cramped not to encourage the next spike in cases.

Secondly, having them all leave campus was extremely disruptive to their learning and concentration.

Even though it is not ideal, I am pretty sure that allowing them all to stay home until the end of the semester will for the most part will improve learning outcomes. If they again move back in, there will be the same amount of disruption created when they move out, and their ability to concentrate on the academic work they must do will be significantly decreased.

Culture and community is extremely important, but not at the expense of health as well as the education which should also be a primary driving force at this institution."

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They should not come back to campus yet

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Why are you not testing on campus as much as universities like Syracuse and Cornell in NY? They are testing the whole campus on a regular basis, not just symptomatic students. Those universities have been successful in controlling the virus so far.

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I don't think JMU's plans for resuming in-person are a good idea. I personally would like to go home for the rest of the semester, where I feel a lot safer than staying at Harrisonburg.

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all classes and activities should only be allowed virtually.

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How is it that the big ten will be able to test their athletes on a daily basis and JMU can't even test all of our students even one time?

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Like other colleges are doing will JMU be able to do a monthly lease with any local hotels for quarantine purposes?

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Can business courses go back to hybrid or in person? Extremely difficult to do certain business classes over zoom. Not the same as learning in person.

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Will in person tutoring or extra help in person be available ?

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Bring freshmen back to campus; restrict dining services, or, only allow seating for freshmen and take out for upper classmen; hopefully some in person classes can resume but for those where social distancing is not possible due to room space then keep those online; provide specific guidelines for students in their dorms--wipe down their own faucets after use, flush with their feet, etc.

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I am begging you to have an actual plan that matches those universities with a high rate of success in treating Covid such as George Mason University. It is inconceivable to me that you allowed the university to open without Covid testing prior to arrival to campus. Not to mention the ignorance in not planning adequately for sharing bathrooms and the dining situation. It's almost like JMU didn't have a plan. To allow large groups of students to share eating and living facilities is absolutely inexcusable! I am requesting that the students remain home at Thanksgiving and do not return to campus until January!!!! They will not be able to quarantine for 14 days as per your recommendation before returning to campus and the results could be catastrophic. If you do not do this, you are completely irresponsible! Ultimately, it is my daughter's choice where she attends college but if you are not going to step up and protect these students I will make sure my child attends a college that is going to protect her. Not to mention I have two up and coming students. I am grateful you sent the on campus students home and are disciplining those who break the rules. This is a most serious time and students need to understand that there are consequences. Again, please have a testing plan, limit large gatherings in your dorms and dining, continue to discipline those who do not follow rules and for goodness sakes please do not allow students to return after Thanksgiving Break! Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

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To successfully open campus in the Spring, JMU needs to A. learn from the many, many egregious and avoidable mistakes that JMU administrators made in the lead-up to this Fall and B. ensure that full-time teaching faculty (not those grasping for the next rung on the administrative ladder), who indisputably know the most about teaching conditions on the ground, and who over the last several months repeatedly warned of the very dangers that have lamentably transpired, have a majority vote in decision-making for a possible Spring reopening.

First, JMU must quit hiding behind the politically-tainted CDC guidelines. Any casual census of universities which have successfully avoided the permanent stigma that JMU will now bear for years will clearly show that only EXCEEDING CDC/VDH guidelines will prevent a reprise of this Fall's debacle. If reopening is to succeed, we need at a bare minimum: 1. mandatory testing for all students, before they leave home, and again once they arrive in the JMU area; 2. regular, randomized testing of students; 3. a default of 100% online instruction for all courses—instructors should have to petition to teach in hybrid or in-person formats, instead of the converse arrangement for this disastrous Fall; 4. mandatory online instruction for all classes over 40 students (or less!); 5. mandatory 6-foot+ social distancing in all classrooms (NOT 50% capacity, as Fall's failures show); 6. mandatory 6-foot+ social distancing in dining services for purchasing, and still greater for actual food consumption (or: just make all orders 'to go' and remove seating); 7. strict provisions against and sanctions for gatherings of 50 or more (and if we're being serious, 10 or more) individuals; 8. zero-tolerance sanctions for violations of virus mitigation measures; 9. greatly expanded accommodations for students in quarantine; 10. a covid dashboard not expressly designed to mask the virus's spread.

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JMU is now a national laughing stock, except the joke is not remotely funny. It has repeatedly made the worst kind of national headlines. Harrisonburg has until just yesterday ranked as a top-ten national hotspot due to the failures of JMU leadership. Anyone who tries to blame the students need only look to the many comparable institutions who have managed to keep their campuses open longer than 6 days before announcing plans to shutter.

Finally, since budget cuts seem unavoidable in light of the tremendous failures of JMU leadership to "Stop the Spread," I urge the Board of Visitors to **target the first cuts to those full-time administrators who helmed this Fall's Titanic**. This would mark a welcome contrast to the administration's cowardly decision in the Spring to first target adjunct instructor salaries. Since adjuncts received on average a 25% salary cut for this Fall, a comparable or greater reduction in compensation is more than fair for A&P faculty earning more than six figures. And, as a bonus, the savings to the institution will be far greater.

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Online classes are the safest option, especially given the current number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

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There was an **heightened anxiety with the return of JMU for the community** and from the data we see it was warranted. Our numbers of covid cases increased rapidly changing the direction we were going and putting the community at an increase risk; in addition, our 5 year olds are learning virtually there is no reason young adults over 18 can't do the same.

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We must have a tiered plan of re-opening in-person campus operations. For instance, bring back another 2500 students first, and WATCH the data for 3 weeks. Then make decisions about whether we can move to increased density on campus. Follow current evidence about indoor space. **Appropriate classroom density is probably around 10% of usual capacity**; follow this guideline! **Keep all but the most essential classes face-to-face ONLINE**. And stop this "half class attends in person; half on-line" business as it cheapens the quality for all students. All faculty should be given the option of whether they want to teach online for the next couple of years. The level of student engagement in my classes has INCREASED this semester. Also, **dining facilities and gyms need to be very strict about low density indoor in-person services**. **Take-out food should be the norm**. And ideally we put students into 10 person or smaller "pods" who can be together/live together. They need to stick to these pods and not intermingle. Getting students on board with this plan is critical. Finally, we need to **create a smart and sustainable plan for AT LEAST the Spring and Fall of 21**. We must rebrand our university as a wonderful learning environment, and a place where engagement can happen using many meaningful modalities. The emphasis on our physical amenities is not helpful for sustaining us as an institution through the next couple of years. Please create a data driven plan that considers the developmental capacity of young adults for decision-making, and involve our public health scientists on faculty at every step of the process.

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The only way this virus will be irradiated is by mass immunity. Let the kids return . Confine them when they test positive. You have the old hospital to do so. Be strict on party's and gatherings. They need their educating. To delay this could change their lives. JMU could provide masks and sanitizer for them. Require it in every class and on campus. JMU can do this. For the future and mental state of the young adults you need to bring them back !

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I know the kids are living their life to the fullest but when it comes to a virus such as this they need to think of others not just themselves !! When it comes to partying and going out their restaurants and being rude and loud. We have to live in the valley too and we also go to Harrisonburg and it's always been taken over by JMU when they come to town. It's not that hard to do the right thing. I think they should stay away until the numbers go down or the virus goes away if that'll ever happen but that's my opinion.

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My concern is less with the in person attendance and more so with their behavior and interaction outside of the classroom. I live within the city and I constantly see 4-5 students in a car, students gathered outside of a house, students running together, etc. this is all visible but my fear is what we can't see and how they may be gathering indoors too creating even greater risk for spread. Unfortunately, I do not believe they are capable of containing this virus. I feel it would be best for them to return to their homes for the remainder of the semester and possibly the year. We can ask a second grader to complete a full virtual education but not a college student? Something seems backwards here. They had the opportunity to meet in person and follow guidelines and we saw what happened... how will it be different if they met again?

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Classes should remain online. The disruptions to student learning and the extra work on faculty need to stop. Fall break should be cancelled and students should not return to campus after Thanksgiving. We have one more chance to get this right. The nation (and prospective students) are watching us closely.

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I think everyone who can teach their class effectively online should do so. Physical on campus space should be reserved for classes such as labs, capstone projects, or other critical in person learning. Tents should be set up outside for students and faculty to work under and meet in small groups (<10), including outside faculty office hours if desired. Student affairs and department clubs and organizations should have online events and very small in person events with social distancing to give students opportunities for interaction and prevent isolation. Students who are at home and doing well should be encouraged to stay home to keep campus density down.

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Please don't. You irresponsibly brought students to Harrisonburg without requiring testing in advance and the virus exploded in our community which has struggled on its own without thousands of students to make it worse. At minimum, negative tests should be required before classes can resume in-person but I really hope you consider following the model of other higher education institutions and keep up the online learning for at least the rest of the semester.

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STOP! I live in Broadway and am pregnant with my 4th child. A JMU student exposed multiple people to COVID and it eventually got to me. This is horrifying that public opinion even needs to be asked and the University can't make a safe decision. Gross negligence.

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No, and it should stay closed permanently

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Don't do it. You cannot insure that JMU community members adhere to all of the policies that are necessary to prevent the spread. Each time you close the school and then re-open it with no noticeable changes, we look like fools.

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I feel that we should endeavor to move towards as many on-campus learning opportunities and gatherings as possible. Students have arrived in Harrisonburg for this purpose and are staying. While rates of COVID have increased due to gatherings in student apartments, the students have been very compliant with safeguards on campus. Faculty concerned about risk of COVID already have a mechanism to apply for online learning. I look forward to being able to provide on-campus learning opportunities for the students.

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I have grave concerns over the ability for JMU to again reopen safely. I'm a public health specialist and I see no way to do this safely and responsibly in the present situation. In particular, do NOT bring back students, then send them home at Thanksgiving, and then return for finals exams and graduation in December.

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Not a good decision. We are going to have a harsh fall with a harsh winter and this would bring us back to what happened the first week, perhaps worse. Plus, we, the faculty, are worried about our health. Please pay attention to our concerns!

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Please use scientific best practices to guide the return to face-to-face classes. Regular and frequent testing of students and faculty is necessary to prevent asymptomatic (and symptomatic) spread. It will put everyone at ease, I think. There are low-cost options for testing now (saliva tests).

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From the lab course perspective, we could really use some budget (minor to the university budget, but ~\$2k) to purchase supplies for "loaner" kits to students, so that students do not have to share samples. We found that the labs were inoperable face-to-face when we have to share samples from section to section, because of the long cleaning times for rock samples and the students feeling terrified of touching the samples. If each student has a set of samples for themselves, this solves many issues (student absences, cleaning, feeling comfortable).

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First and foremost, thank you for serving on the Board of Visitors! Second, thank you for accepting some public comment on this topic!

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- In looking at what we did in the August/September versus other schools that have fewer cases the big difference seems to be testing. Please do not resume in person instruction without significant increases in testing. If we can't afford to test everyone, at least engage in significant **surveillance testing** of the students. Do not take the CDC guidance here, if you read their page they don't recommend it because they have not researched it enough and that was back in June. I think we know more now as well as about our needs and situation, the CDC were totally wrong on masks back in March, they look to have been wrong here, at least for a school like JMU.
- I don't know if they will tell you, but a central issue for resuming in person instruction is how many students got sick in classes (I'm thinking almost none) versus how many got sick off campus. If almost no students got sick on campus, then that is the core of a good argument for resuming in person, it reduces their time in a potentially unsafe environment.
- Regarding the budget, the only nice thing about difficult times is sometimes it forces us to make decisions we've been putting off. Please don't just cut everyone's budget/salary by some X%. And to the extent you do have to cut the budget, please give maximum flexibility to find savings to the lowest levels of the organization chart that you can.
- Sorry this is so long, it could easily be longer, it's a nuanced and complex situation thank you for thinking about it so carefully. If anyone reads this - thank you. Good Luck!

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A return to campus would be ideal, but there are steps that HAVE to be taken in order to keep students and faculty safe. We need the dining halls to **only provide** us with **takeout**. The scene in the dining halls is atrocious--you can sit down with anyone, masks off, while sitting **practically on top of other people** (there is little to no social distancing which becomes even more dangerous because masks are off). We should also **test before letting students return** because students could be bringing illnesses to campus that are unknown, especially if one is asymptomatic. The logic behind not testing did not make sense, and given what occurred at the beginning of the semester, testing students before returning is absolutely justified. I have not heard of another university not testing before coming to campus, so I am confused as to why JMU made that choice even with what they provided as "reason." Nobody is actually learning anything right now, just turning in assignments, and **we need the in-person experience to further our learning** (even if that means only one class is in-person or hybrid). In saying that, **classes should be hybrid**, where students have the option to be online or in-person, and plan their schedule accordingly. Finally, most of the cases that were part of the outbreak in the beginning of September were off campus, so it was dangerous to send the on campus students home. If there were to be another outbreak, JMU needs to be better prepared, as it would be best to have students living on campus to quarantine for 2 weeks, or at least 10 days before going home because if not, they could expose their families back home to COVID if the student did not yet experience symptoms, or is asymptomatic. Of course, it should still be expected for students to wear a mask at all times except when in the dorm, and there **should be stricter consequences if one is found not wearing a mask**. JMU handled things terribly at the beginning of the semester and there seemed to be no logic behind the decisions being made. These all seem to be valid things that will make campus a safer place, and these guidelines have been

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followed at other universities that are doing well (i.e. Notre Dame). Please let the students return to campus, and please do your part to make the campus a safe place.

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Bringing students back to campus feels as if the university is disregarding the safety of the students. As a history major, I know that history will inevitably repeat itself, and the constant disruptions in the student's learning environment is harmful to our education. I began my first year at JMU optimistic and proud to be a Duke however, the actions made by administration have not only disappointed me, but have disappointed my family who are alumni of the university. Coming back to campus this semester feels out of question to me, it will only cause cases to rise again as well as become more threatening since flu season is right around the corner. I believe that coming back for the spring semester will be equally disruptive to my learning environment, as well as the learning environment of others. The university is only becoming a bigger part of the problem by opening campus to students again while COVID-19 is still present and spreadable. JMU should be a place of fixing the problems in our Country, as we go through times of political unrest, a global pandemic, and natural disasters, the university should at least promote it's students the ability to remain safe from COVID-19. We must also think of the safety of our families, as someone who has a mother with heart conditions, and my brothers and I are prone to pneumonia, catching COVID-19 could become detrimental to my family and the families of others. If the university opens, it is only a matter of time before a student or faculty dies due to complications brought on by COVID-19, and then is it really worth it to open campus back up?

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I personally don't think its a great idea its actually horrible, local schools aren't in full operations and they are the ones who need the education. Students in need because maybe they don't have internet home issues aren't idea for online I understand them being at the school thats how local kids are. But to bring back 25,000 Students from all over and you aren't testing them AROUND THE CLOCK RANDOM ECT You are allowing movie nights outside when there is an ordinance of no more than 50. Its seems like you don't care. It truly comes off as a money issue. AND LETS BE HONEST ONLY 18 STUDENTS ON A ICS, now thats hilarious when those buses are normally packed. There is absolutely no reason for jmu to be back full in person not even half of the campus should be. These are children and to hold your standards of them.so high as u did was quite ignorant. This whole situation has left me with a bad taste in my mouth. And I have to look at it like this, I have 5 children in local schools they can't attend because of the fear from jmu and what impact you yall had on our community with covid. AND IF YOU DONT CARE NOW ABOUT MY CHILDRENS EDUCATION HOW DO I EXCEPT YOU TO WHEN THEY ARE CHOOSING COLLEGE. THATS REALLY SOMETHING TO LOOK AT. NOT JUST FROM ME BUT FROM A NATION. LITERALLY WE WERE IN THE NY TIMES as a Hotspot since jmu returned. JMU YOU NEED TO DO BETTER.

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I would like to see much more guidance provided to students about how to live safely to stop the spread. Students are being presented with a very artificial idea of what activities they can and cannot do, and I think those messages are not aligned with current scientific knowledge, CDC

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and state recommendations. Things like socializing, carpooling, gathering in large groups on campus, **eating in large dining halls**... They are not safe activities. They are being misled that they can carry on in these ways without impacting the community. All aspects of daily living that are being approached with extreme caution or avoided entirely by many people in the community are happening among the student population. It is hard to see gatherings of students, knowing that many in the community are limiting gathering - even among families. I would like to hear about **consequences being enacted when students violate the rules**. Current community rumor is that there is a lot of talk by JMU about consequences, but they are not following through. We see repeated large gatherings and witness what appears to be a general "life is normal" type of attitude among some students in the community. All of this has been extremely frustrating from the perspective of a parent with young children who must learn remotely from home during some of their most important early childhood elementary years. It's very discouraging to see the **university have such a threatening impact on local health** for such non-essential purposes. This has been a disappointing situation to watch unfold, with no control or say in the matter, yet such predictable outcomes.

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**Stay online only until second semester**. The **dorms are over populated** for the space. The **dining hall stayed crowded**. Your decision to try in the first place was so poorly handled. You lasted 5 days of classes and it got completely out of hand. I will do everything in my power to ensure my daughter is not placed in that situation again by JMU. I do not have any confidence at all in JMU providing a safe place to stay. We trusted you and you completely failed. I look forward to your timely response.

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With flu season looming and members of the JMU family planning to gather for traditional gatherings during the holidays, thereby increasing the potential for exposure to larger pools of affected/infected persons, **JMU should either continue with fully online study for spring semester, and possibly summer** (depending on the timeline for a COVID vaccine's availability) or phase in students' return to campus, with greater amounts of time between returning groups' arrival on campus, to avoid a similar outbreak as occurred this past month.

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Please continue diligent efforts to keep all students and staff masked. Also, please **continue severe discipline response to any gatherings that do not adhere to safe COVID-19 guidelines**. I would like to see better procedures in food service/dining.

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Since most classes are now offered online, it's especially important that we do everything we can to make this teaching mode legitimate. Here are two things in particular that we need:

1. An online exam proctoring service of some sort. As it stands now, there is almost no way to keep student from cheating during online exams and quizzes. I've already had to deal with cases of it this past spring, and I'm expecting much more of it this year. If we can't give a reasonable guarantee that our online students are doing their own work, then the grades (and



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degrees) they receive aren't worth much. Most courses will be holding exams in the next week or two, so it's especially important that this be handled right away.

2. A Fall 2020 final exam schedule. We still don't have one posted, and we're weeks into the semester. (This applies to all class modalities, both online and in-person).

Thank you.

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1. If there is any required testing- you need to be mindful that someone can test positive up to 3-4 months after having Covid - those students should only provide confirmation they quarantined after being positive
  2. Since as a college mindset across the country- I would suggest to increase OUTDOOR GATHERINGS to 20 since many live with groups close to or exceeding 10- this is not promoting parties or gatherings but being realistic with the situation
  3. **Grab and go** only for dining halls , maybe **appts to help lower the masses**
  4. **Increase beds for quarantine** on campus
  5. Have student leaders of clubs, Greek life, sports etc provide an active role in the plan - the more involved the better the compliance
  6. Be realistic- plans look good and don't always work- it's a JMU community parties and gatherings happen on and off campus- stop blaming and generalizing its only off campus (see crime logs, Reddit, Facebook, IG for proof)
  7. Don't change the agreement the kids signed and not provide an amendment (one is still needed)

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I personally **do not agree with returning for in person classes this semester**. It was such a hassle for so many people to find ways back home within the several days we all had to move out.

And even if Covid-19 numbers do go down for us, that's because so many of us are back home and online. Sending students back would be suicide. Numbers will just rise again, especially with halloween soon after. And then what? 5 days of classes and then we all get sent home again? That's absurd. In my opinion, which is shared by many many others, we should remain online the rest of the semester. "

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Refunds; safety issues

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Since I have returned to campus, I have had to quarantine THREE TIMES, and one of my roommates currently has Covid. I have had to adjust my entire life around these quarantines, and based on Harrisonburg's covid rates (ones that rose dramatically when JMU re-opened), there is absolutely **no reason that students should be returning to campus**. JMU has put every single one of its **students at risk** by opening the first time, and it would be a tragedy to do so again. I will not put myself, my roommates, or my friends at risk by returning to a campus filled with college students who have no sense of what this virus means, and who will likely party,

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spread the virus, and continue to put the Harrisonburg community at risk. JMU students deserve a refund for the current amenities that they are paying for and not allowed to use, and JMU should absolutely, under no circumstances, re-open.

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I think it's completely ridiculous to try to go back, we're #3 in percentages for Covid cases in the nation.

We should stay home.

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We should return to campus and keep classes online, but ease into the in person classes. There should be more guidelines and rules to stop the spread.

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JMU should stay completely online. If they try to revert back to what they did at first, they will get the same outcome as before or possibly worse. Students will get Covid and possibly spread it back home putting hundreds of people's lives at risk. JMU should not return to in-person until a fully functional vaccine is widespread.

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Wear masks

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Testing everyone before they come back on campus.

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A better commitment to enforcing social distancing in classrooms and dining halls. Before many classes and dining halls were filled with more people than it seemed like there should be.

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A lot of students are scared. Work with us don't shame us. No one knows how to navigate this and the vast majority of us are trying really hard to stay safe, some students aren't being responsible but most are. Don't point fingers.

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I would like to see more accountability for students who live off campus and are not following guidelines and then coming onto campus. Students are being relatively safe on campus, but once they go off they are falling into bad habits.

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As much as I would enjoy to return to in person classes I would prefer not to repeat the mistakes we made at the beginning of the semester. We have just reached our first day of the semester without any positive cases and I would like to avoid having another spike. I believe we should stay online so that we have a chance at possibly returning to normalcy next semester.

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We have to push through and do our part in being safe so we may come back to campus. On campus learning is vital for certain students such as math and science majors who must attend

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lab. Please don't be selfish and strip others of their right to a proper education. Please don't force out of state students to pay for something they're not receiving.

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If you're going to commit to returning, you need to fully commit. Maybe make some rules of staying on campus so at least if people start getting sick that we're all on campus. Also test everyone to be safe

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I believe that if the cases have dropped so dramatically since we have left campus, then we should not UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES return to on campus activity. It is not safe for anyone, and JMU proved that, when what was supposed to be done was not, in the first week of classes.

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As a JMU employee and a parent I am for allowing students to return to campus, but to remain mostly virtual. I don't like the idea of any large in person classes (maybe 20-25 max) and only for classes that are hard to hold online. There should be an option for all students to stay online in current classes. There needs to be enforcement on campus of students not following guidelines, possibly having campus police around more at night to break up large student groups. If we do reopen to in person learning there need to be changes in dining halls and public spaces, more testing and monitoring of outbreaks. I am not sure why all other universities in the state are able to do random student testing and water testing and we are not.

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I am very concerned that if we go back to campus in October we will have the same problems that we had at the start of the semester on campus. I did not feel safe in dining halls, bathrooms in my dorm, and overall it felt like there was a lot of partying going on which enabled COVID to spread among large groups of people. I am curious as to how these seemingly inevitable things are going to be handled. I don't think it is safe for us to go back. Since I've been home I have been less stressed and have been able to focus on my school work rather than worry about getting COVID. Thank you for your time.

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I think returning a return to in-person classes is a mistake. There is nothing different we can do to avoid another wave of cases if we return to normal operations on October 5. Stay virtual for the rest of the semester and make plans for stricter rules and fully enforce sanctions on students who violate them.

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i think we should only go back to campus if JMU admin can ensure that Covid protocols would be followed and enforced. They were not when we were first on campus which is most likely the cause of our case numbers. I would like to go back because online classes are harder than in person classes especially when it comes to labs. I do not feel like I am learning from my online classes rather just watching lectures and turning in assignments.

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Testing before students arrive! Suspension enforced if caught partying or going to other dorms that aren't there! No buffet style dining halls! Hand sanitizer everywhere! Less in person classes!

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It is time, I am a freshman that has been tossed around since March and the anxiety and stress it adds on top of trying to get an education is insane. Please let's us come back let us go to school and learn and be around others

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I would like for my freshman to be able to return to her dorm and attend as many classes in person as possible

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Do not reopen until completely safe for ALL to do so; provide random testing of population so that surges can be seen earlier. DO NOT allow professors to do what they want ie: not wear mask, or teach from outside the parameters of the plexiglass. DO NOT hold any testing events indoors; you have plenty of outdoor space to do this, and keeping symptomatic or exposed people indoors, in lines is irresponsible.

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Keep classes online and refund all the room and board money .

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As a first-year student and a son of educators, it's very upsetting to see many of my friends lose enormous sums of money to the university in housing, meal plans, and as the overall value of classes has gone down and some professors have lost interest in attempting to teach online effectively. I live at home in Harrisonburg and have seen JMU student life for 18 years. I find it very hard to believe that faculty/administration who have seen the same for their careers expected the same not to happen. We have made national news due to the absolutely botched response to COVID-19, and insane case numbers. All eyes are on the university, and it is, admittedly, nigh impossible to know what to do properly, so I give the university the benefit of the doubt in its failed response. But faculty and administration must understand that their decisions directly affect the community around them, and should follow the advice of national health experts to inform their response from here on it. It is hard for me often to feel as if I have not been robbed blind in this situation, the responsibility lies now upon the university to amend this situation, ensure instructor integrity makes our time worthwhile, and most of all, be REALISTIC, INTENTIONAL and RESPONSIBLE in the response from now.

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There needs to be testing protocol when kids arrive back on campus. Classes should all be online with a hybrid option for those returning to campus. Online should be offered for all so that those that wish to stay home can. Campus should close down at Thanksgiving with all online for the end of the semester and online final exams. The kids should be tested prior to coming home to ensure the safety of the home community and families. This will ensure safety for the winter break and hopefully a positive return to campus in January.

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I think that we should not reopen because no one can stop the amount of parties that go on. Nor do anyone going to any of these parties even care about what they're doing to the community. These people will have a party regardless of what any of the school administration says or local law enforcement says or whoever tells them to stop. They simply won't do it. I think that if we don't go back in person it will show them that they need to change their behaviors and maybe the parties will stop.

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Dining halls should be assigned time only, like a cruise ship. Quarantine and isolated kids should be able to select meals to be delivered based on what the dining hall is serving, like as a hospital inpatient, where you order the day before.

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JMU should test the kids for Covid every two days. I understand this would be a huge expense, but our children as well as the staff need to stay safe. The honor system that JMU has in place is not working. Something different needs to happen in order for everyone to be safe.

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The health and safety of our children is the most important. However, talking about the educational aspect, virtual classes does not provide the instruction that is necessary for learning. Some students thrive with this type of learning but most students need to have in-person learning. JMU students need to continue to practice social distancing, wear masks and NOT gather in large groups so that these students can have their classes in person. I would like to see JMU go back to in person classes as much as possible. My daughter learns best in this type of situation.

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#### Mass testing

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I understand that JMU wants to resume in-person (as do I and many other music students), however, I feel that it is reckless and careless to do so without taking the proper precautions. Testing needs to be more readily accessible, and contact tracing must be more thorough. The LiveSafe app should be regulated, since before and even now there is virtually no place that requires a "check mark" to enter--classrooms should all require you to show your check before entering as well as all buildings on campus. Dining services should also be more regulated, and potentially even removing the option for indoor seating is an important consideration. Making everything to go and considering the possibility of online ordering ahead in places like Dukes Dining could release congestion in these spaces, and lines could be formed outside where social distancing could be accommodated with the front five or so people queuing indoors. One-way sidewalks, though inconvenient, could greatly reduce face-to-face encounters around campus. Students should be tested before returning to campus. If these precautions are impossible, then it may be too unsafe to return to campus unfortunately because ultimately, while in-person instruction is ideal, I do not see it being worth risking the health and safety of JMU students, faculty, and the Harrisonburg community just for the sake of a sense of normalcy.

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Don't. You've established a great online learning system where students aren't forced to sit on the floor of the ballroom with 80 other kids. Why bring them back in October to send them back home in November for Thanksgiving? Let the students hunker down during flu season and regroup next year. It will spread if you start in-person learning so why take that risk just to pat yourselves on the back for an accomplished goal?

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Yes, fully support a return. So thankful to all JMU is doing. Recommend expanded dining hours and hybrid in person for classes that can't accommodate all with social distancing. Both students thoroughly enjoy the in person instruction and having it 50% of the time would be a welcome outcome.

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Thank you for this opportunity. My daughter is desperate to return to campus. She is not handling being home again so soon too well. She feels 100% safe going to in person classes as the online learning is extremely limited at best. Smaller classes in a larger hall is fine with her or outside on a field is great too! If she gets sick she is prepared with Tylenol and NyQuil and after 2 weeks she simply would want to get back to campus life. Please do not implement no eating in the dining halls. That would be awful. This class has lost so much already. She had zero orientation and never even met her RA in her 10 days on campus. Lounges and dining halls need to stay open. More outdoor activities please! And sports need to come back in some way! Please look at some of the other schools that have much higher rates of infection and they are simply pushing through. That is the best thing. Please do not send them home again. This has been mentally grueling for her and everyone. My older son got COVID and was mildly sick for 3 days. 3 days of a fever and entire colleges are shutting down?!?! This insanity has to stop. It's a highly contagious virus yes but this age group can handle it. I don't want anyone to get sick but it's going to happen. Please reopen and send them home for thanksgiving through January if necessary. I am begging you. Please reopen and stay open for those kids who want this. And if students or families don't feel comfortable then fine. They should have the option of staying home. It should be that simple. (I know it's not). Last suggestion-have the Hotel Madison be the quarantine dorm if necessary. But PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE stay open!!! And ask the professors to get back to real teaching! They can be safe! Please I'm begging you. Allow the dedicated and strong students voices to be heard over everything else. Thank you.

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Weekend hours for the health center. Saliva testing - like University of South Carolina, more grab and go at the dining hall, reserved times for seating inside the dining hall or more outdoor dining. Not quarantining kids in their own dorms if they have a shared hall bathroom. Someone checking IDs at the entrances to the dorms to make sure the student actually lives there. More planned outdoor activities or zoom activities by the RAs. But not just by floor, but the whole building, so students can interact and meet kids who live on the other floors in there building.

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Lines/wait time too long at dining halls/eateries.

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I am a healthcare worker and a single parent working 3 jobs. Going back and forth has been difficult to say the least to move my child in and then out of the dorms. I am sure I am not alone in my struggles.

I say the above because I am concerned that all universities had difficulty with the spread of one illness during fall move in - now we are going into cold and flu season without any changes in the ability to treat/contain the spread. Now additional factors of not knowing which or how many illnesses a student or faculty member has when they become ill.

As much as being home stinks for the kids and learning environment- I see it as additional stress and risk to bringing back kids to a university environment at the onset of cold and flu season for - possibly 2 months at best of being on campus before winter break is short-sighted and potentially risk more than benefit. I feel it should be a choice for each family to make without consequence of losing our money back for room and board from this unfortunate situation.

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I'm answering this question as a freshmen parent. Please let our freshmen come back to campus. They need to be in school with their peers. Other Virginia schools have figured out to how to keep the freshmen on campus without sending them home. Why can't JMU do this? My daughter loved her short stay on campus but she needs to get back to school whether classes are held in person or online or hybrid. Please please let our freshmen come back to campus.

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I am hesitant to have my freshman return to campus. Our family is had to quarantine for 23 days because of my freshman. I admit I am done being locked in my house. She is a high risk person due to underlying health issues. She is safer at home. The 9 days on campus proves jmu is not equipped to handle kids and Covid. Until major changes on campus it a vaccine is found I hope jmu stays online only.

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If we go back in person. Stay online for the first two weeks as a quarantine period, and then go back to hybrid. Also allow on campus students to stay even if we go online.

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I'm a nurse and I feel even if the students get Covid that where they are would be best as opposed back into their community! My daughter was a symptomatic Covid positive student and is still there and recovered well! She got it there as we stayed neg here at home! This would be devastating not to return for freshman as they have been through so much already! The off campus students are the ones that are causing the issues and have I repercussions from it!

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ALL Professors following the protocol of wearing masks, staying 6 week away and understanding that while they themselves might not believe in these safety features, it's a rule they must follow, respect AND they will respect the students who might be immunio compromised or just get sick easily or have family or roommates who they want to keep safe and want to do all they can to stay healthy. ALL Professors following protocol of how to do online classes and to actually teach thru Google and Zoom. ALL students have a desk and chair to sit in during an actual class if held in person. Dining halls TAKE OUT ONLY, MASKS MUST BE WORN WHILE GETTING FOOD. Take into consideration the class and if possible to

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continue online, do so. Redo the calendar. There is no reason to still have a Fall Break, Nor a Thanksgiving break. If students come back, KEEP them there until Thanksgiving break, then have classes go online and exams online so the students can go home and stay home until Spring semester. Encourage parents and students to NOT go home/come to campus to visit. All the back and forth just adds to the spread. And know that just because the students had Covid, there is no real guarantee antibodies prevent them from getting it again

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I am a coordinator for the large introductory biology labs. I screened all requests from this group of 480 students to not attend face-to-face at the beginning of this semester. What I found was that as covid 19 numbers rose at JMU, many students asked not to come to class because they were afraid of contracting covid 19, even though they didn't have covid 19 or a known exposure. I supplied them online alternatives because I cannot require attendance this semester (JMU policy) and I morally felt that I shouldn't force them to potentially expose themselves to covid 19. So if students return, I know I will need to have my 16 instructors teach 2 simultaneous lab courses, one online and one face-to-face. The two lab courses will have to be very different in content and sequence! Which students need/want to attend each will change week-to-week (based on their covid status and their fears changing) so this is logistically impossible. If I know all are online, I can create a quality lab experience and keep everyone, students and instructors, safe.

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Have an area/activities that is open for Covid recovered students to socialize. Be flexible w students preferring to remain virtual.

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They need to be in class full time!! This is putting a huge hardship on these kids! Let them get back to class.

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Longer hours for dining

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I feel that off campus meal Plans should be cancelled. If that is not feasible there should be one dining facility providing take out food that only off campus meal plan students can use and it be the only dining facility they can use. As also on campus students cannot use the off campus dining facility. I think you have to come up with a more, for lack of a better word, forceful way to make kids report symptoms and make it easier and quicker to be tested. If they have a symptom Friday night they should be tested right then, symptom Saturday afternoon, tested right then. Having to go from Friday afternoon to Monday afternoon with symptoms before testing and contact tracing is absurd. The UHC needs to be basically 24/7. I think more oversight of those quarantined in the dorm and punishment for breaking quarantine needs to be established. I know of a boy who was quarantined in the village with his suite mates and eventually all tested positive and the whole time went back and forth to Richmond and was eating wherever he wanted on campus. I also think punishment should be in place if you are off campus student under quarantine or isolation and you step foot on campus at any facility during that time. How you monitor this I do not know



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which is the problem. But bottom line is no student is going to be honest on the LiveSafe app plus most were not using it nor going to UHC when they should because of the nightmare stories of quarantine and isolation. I mean basically starving kids and feeding them hospital food. Having fevers in rooms without AC. Having to drag their own bedding with them. So now rumor is out to not test because you are put in prison. I know of a boy in Ikenberry who's mom told him to go to MedExpress to test and not to self report so school would not come after him or suitemates and force a quarantine. She also told him get the exemption because he needed to stay there since he had symptoms. She did not want him at home. So he was positive in the dorm with no one overseeing his quarantine or isolation and he and suite mates just continued doing what they wanted to do. The suite mates and roommate had symptoms and just did not test because they knew they were positive but didn't want the school to find out. So the school has to come up with some form of action to hold the kids to honesty if they are sick. Right now since reporting it sounds like you are sentenced to complete punishment they are not doing so. Make changes to quarantine and isolation situation and announce what those changes are and fix the problems there and maybe the students will trust the UHC again and get tested at first symptom. Right now they are all hiding it.

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I am so happy you are bringing kids back to campus!!! They need to be there and we couldn't be happier

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If on-campus students aren't allowed to see their friends inside in small groups, I'm afraid they will resort to going off campus to see friends that don't live in their dorms. Therefore, I'd like to see the on-campus students be allowed to go into other dorms. I think most will stay within their small pods of friends. I think the limit of 10 or less should absolutely still be in place. It is getting cold outside and the students need to be able to see their core group of friends inside. I would also recommend having at least in-person class once a week so the students can meet other kids to form study groups. It has been very difficult for freshmen to do this remotely without knowing anyone in class. Thank you for all you are doing to try to bring the students back on campus.

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open campus let me son learn

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To create a more "community" like experience for the students instead of pointing fingers, threats, etc. JMU is better than this. We need to make these kids feel a little "normal" and by encouraging reporting each other in an app or sending Dr. Miller on ride-alongs is not the best approach. The blame game placed on off-campus students by parents, JMU and the community is disappointing. This virus is not going anywhere and we need to learn to live with it the best we can. JMU must encourage community among the students. We hold doors. Let's bring that mindset back.

On another note, the online learning experience needs to improve. Some professors are doing a great job; others are not. Assigning a lesson or lecture without any "live" contact is

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unacceptable. We can go to the University of Phoenix for that. We chose JMU because we felt it was the best choice. We chose to pay OOS tuition. We chose to stick by you. We chose you to educate our child. You chose our child when you accepted him. You need to chose to do better. I believe many students would prefer the option to continue with online classes and they should be given that option. However, those **students who want to be in the classroom should be afforded the same option.** It's time to get back to educating because if it continues down this path we will honestly revisit our choice. We are investing a good amount of money as an OOS student for a little reward.

Finally, it may be a good idea to revise the academic calendar and remove the fall break. It seems unnecessary at this point and will just create more panic for those families that have to take their kids home.

JMU was a great experience for our older son. We hope that our younger son can walk away saying the same. We know you are in a tough spot and we are rooting for you. Go Dukes!

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My daughter was exposed to the virus by someone that was supposed to be in quarantine but was out and about at a frat party. My daughter was walking outside and this student ran inebriated out of the frat house and up to her, hugged her and was talking to her... without a mask.... while she was still supposed to be in quarantine. It is not OK for my daughter (and other rule abiding students) to bear the brunt of social isolation and restrictions - and health risks - when the students who are not being careful are free to do and go as they please without consequence.

How can you **take steps to ensure students are abiding by health requirements in order to stop the spread** and protect other students?

My daughter has now gotten tested and quarantining until she receives results.

It is maddening to know that her health was potentially compromised because of a student that didn't abide by basic requirements.

Is there a way to use the JMU Livesafe app to track off campus students who are in quarantine to ensure they stay put until their time is done?

It's not ok for the students who are trying to do the right thing to be sabotaged by other students who aren't taking it seriously. I reason that if students aren't held accountable with consequences, the spread will continue.

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**Do not return yet it's not safe** to do so we don't want to hurt our Harrisonburg community as well. Many of us have high risk family members in Harrisonburg

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**I would love to see the in-person learning back at JMU.** However, what restrictions and limitations are you putting on students? The dining halls, I am paying full freight for a meal plan. I expect **extended hours**, in- person dining and meals **to go** if they choose that option. I don't want all meals to go for the students. You are taking away from selection you offer them by offering only boxed options. I saw what was given to the students in quarantine. I am happy my

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son came home so I could take care of him during his quarantine. However, with him being home, he is now out of quarantine and my family has to additional 14 days of quarantine. My younger son CAN NOT start his sophomore year of high school with the hybrid option bc of this additional quarantine. He is beyond ticked off. I can't go to work for 14 more days! I suggest you think this through the second time around. So, if you bring them back then they go home for Thanksgiving, what happens if a student brings COVID home for the holidays? The holidays can't happen for that family? How awful that would be. Sure, could they get it being home.. of course, but the exposure is much greater being at school. Think about it. I get the challenges. I am on my local Board of Education. The safety and health of the students and staff is our number 1 priority. Think outside the box due to the holidays. Families need to see their loved ones. Beyond difficult and we are all in this together. Best of luck.

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We cannot open responsibly and reliably without **entry testing**, a robust and regular testing and **tracing program**, and use of apps like COVIDWISE that actually provide tracing and notification. To do otherwise is to ignore science and the mathematics of epidemics, and we saw the results of that ignorance at the beginning of this semester. **We all want to be open**, and test/trace/isolate is the key. Thank you for allowing our input.

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**It's time to allow students to return to return to in person learning.**

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I would personally love to see the opportunity to have fully online classes available for those who don't feel comfortable being in the classroom. I graduated in 2017 but have decided to go back to school to be be a teacher. This semester and next semester I'm taking prerequisites before the graduate degree program. My classes are a mixture of 200, 300, and 400 level classes that are not offered through community college. I'm currently working full time at a retirement community, and feel very uncomfortable returning to in-person class with the fear that I would carry COVID to work. I'm so ecstatic to become a teacher, but I also need to sustain this job in order to support myself.

I know if I were a typical undergraduate student I would certainly want to be in the classroom. But I'm sure this uncomfortable situation isn't unique to just me. Perhaps more online courses could be offered or an option of professors setting up Zoom, WebEx, or some other video service during the class time for those who wish to be away from class could be a good alternative. For the 2 weeks of class, one of my professors was doing that anyways and it worked out very well in my opinion. I would like to see that be an option for all, if not most classes for this semester and next. That way **those who want to be present in the class can be, and the others can be video'd in.**

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**Mandatory testing for everyone prior to students returning.** Ongoing Testing for students and faculty

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I do not see a way that JMU can open safely. Nationwide, very few universities have been successful and most are in the position that we are in now. I think it would be safer and easier on the students to just transition fully online. It would be very disruptive to go back in person, then potentially back online. Furthermore if we return to in person, the university has no way of protecting their students if everyone leaves for thanksgiving, and then returns. This would only increase cases again. Their reopening plan had failed, they should admit defeat and move on before it can get bad again (reopening).

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If you proceed with re-opening, it is imperative to leave online classes in place as some students do not want to return to campus, but do want to finish their classes.

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I think you're doing a good job in a lot of areas, but I think the dining hall situation continues to be a key way the virus is spreading. If you can focus some more effort in finding innovative ways to serve food while keeping students safe, I think you'll dramatically improve the Covid situation on campus. Whether it's limiting dining to on campus residents or increasing pre-packages pickup choices, there are lots of ways to address the dining situation. Thank you for everything you've done so far.

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Please reopen for these Freshmen! They lost their senior year and now they have lost the beginning of their freshmen year. I pray they go back 10/5 and that there are mandatory freshmen events so that they can meet people and have the college experience they deserve. This includes the Freshmen that received the exemption too. I would also like to see some in person classes. It has been a struggle for my son and he had to drop a class that he was excited about because it was teach yourself and he knew he couldn't do it unless it was in person. Then he added a class within the period and was sent a scathing email from the professor asking him why would he add the class and he was "out of luck" on all previous materials and test so he would start with a Zero. Now he has a W on his record because he wouldn't have been able to pass this class with Zero's off the bat. Mind you, he was within the drop/add period and reached out to this professor to ask about books and what he missed. After emailing with his advisors she suggested that he withdrawal as she was just as surprised at the response he received from this professor. Please get these kids back on campus.

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If you stay online, which is ok, allow on campus students to remain in their dorms. Off campus makes up so much more than on campus and they still get to live in Harrisonburg. On campus should not be penalized and should be allowed to remain for remote learning. Their rooms are paid and they should get to use them.

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Continue in your efforts to try keep students, faculty, staff, and parents informed about how the university is working to handle the current situation. If students decide not to return, continue in your efforts to appropriately reimburse fees. But for students who need to stay on campus because of difficult homework situations because of the lack of internet service, lack of practice

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space, and access to music or other resources, and food continue your efforts to take care of all of them.

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Please have RAs spend more time out of their rooms enforcing the mask policies. Work with Harrisonburg to enforce gathering rules outside of campus. Suspensions or expulsions should be real not just an idle threat. Thank you

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Continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks. Attempt in person classes when six foot social distancing is possible. When possible, offer multiple sessions of in person classes to reduce class size. Laboratory classes are more interesting when offered in person.

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I wish students could return to in person instruction. In order to do this, random COVID testing should be done and free for students. Students should have to take a Health Assessment survey every day online in order to participate in any class/campus activities that day. Faculty needs to monitor compliance in class, and staff (RA's) should be monitoring EVERY dorm for compliance. RA's should rotate sitting in the entrance of dorms to assure only students who live in that dorm are entering. There is no reason not to enforce this - it is critical to keeping the spread down. The RA's did not have a presence in any dorms from what I am hearing. Staff should be monitoring dining halls better. Students should have more options for take and go, and longer hours to access the dining halls to eliminate long lines. If faculty and staff step up their enforcement, students should be able to return!!!!

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In person learning should be the number one goal. The health risk for this population is extremely low. The positive mental health aspect of a college community outweighs those risk. Clearly anyone compromised should be handled separately. This is not a situation in which the minority should determine this outcome. We all made a "choice" to send our kids to school. We had an option to keep our kids home. The school has gone above in beyond giving parents and students a way to opt out and get a refund. There is only 4 years of a prime education and the on campus college experience. The students have already lost 1 of those years. Bring them back with in-person learning.

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Please please resume, we have 2 freshman and are all very eager to get back to this.

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Just let us come back. No one is going to die. Stop bowing to liberals.

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Other Universities are successfully doing this. GA TECH has a very strong model worth examining which includes weekly testing. My student cannot wait to get back on campus, and would return tomorrow!

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Definitely support although still with precaution and testing

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I know there have been many comments regarding the dining halls and over crowding. I really think the students enjoy having the variety and choice of food options in the halls. I have a child at another VA college where they have to use the yelp app to make a reservation for the dining halls. The reservation can be for a table of up to only four people. Folks can not make an individual reservation and arrive and sit with other parties if the reservation was not originally made with them. This way people can see what's available time slot wise, it allows the school to control how many are in each dining hall, but still give the students full access to the dining halls and still some flexibility to still eat with friends and roommates. A lot of these students will come to school October and have already been positive. If suite mates want to eat together that reservation of up to four (or whatever number you choose) would allow that to happen. I'm not sure what the hours are of the other eating establishments on campus but making sure they have hours to help reduce congestion's and options for other places to eat.

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I would like to be able to not wear a mask outside if no one is near, I want to be able to go into other people's dorms, and I want the basketball hoops back up in the rec areas.

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It's imperative that we resume in-person learning and full campus operations. We need to focus on public education and creating a culture of safety instead of de-densifying campus. Most students are still living in the Harrisonburg area. De-densifying did little to protect our local community and it put communities around the nation at risk when first-year students moved back home. Continued de-densifying could result in loss of jobs at JMU and would devastate the local economy. Giving up is not the JMU way! Bring the students back in October!

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More sanitization of high touch areas

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Being more normalcy back. It's stressful to be in an environment where you can't even sit next to your roommate despite the fact that you live together with that person. Isolation is not good for us. Let us be near people

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I do not think that JMU should return to in-person classes this semester. If students were to return on the 5th, then Fall Break is on the 22nd and many students will go home for Fall break. After Fall break, Thanksgiving break is not far off again where students will return home. Then not long after Thanksgiving break, there is Christmas Break. All of these coming and goings pose too great a risk to the JMU and Harrisonburg communities. Classes should remain online/hybrid until at least January in order to keep everyone safe.

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I found it very disappointing that organizations like UREC still had events going on when JMU sent students home. The advertising of ongoing events meant the students who stayed could still take advantage of the JMU experience while other students who are likely the ones actually following the signed COVID-19 agreement missed out. Send the students back to school. Punish the violators not the ones following the rules.

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As a parent of a JMU student I feel it is imperative that JMU Leadership get all on-campus residents back on campus ASAP with either all in person instruction or a hybrid/mixed approach. The fully online classes need to cease immediately once everyone is back on campus. The online classes while best intentioned offer 'watered down' learning environment at best.

The main priority seems to be availability of more quarantine beds which should have been addressed by now working with local hotels which are sitting empty as well if it cannot be accomplished with dorms.

And stick with your plan, please.

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Please consider a system where students sign up for meal times in dining halls and a grab and go option in order to socially distance. Also, consider random testing a number of on & off campus students per day, increase quarantine spaces with daily "health checks" of those students.

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More testing that is made more accessible. Open up more dining halls.

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I don't think JMU has a handle on the true number of cases if it only tests symptomatic people. I don't see any real changes being made... extending dining hours and increasing quarantine beds seems ineffectual to me. Why not have temperature checks before entering dining halls, classrooms, dorms, etc? Why can't more take out / to go dining options be offered (Not just fast food and pre-packaged foods)? Why aren't you doing waste water testing? You don't even have a target number of cases/positivity rates before bringing students back. This move in, move out again is extremely disruptive and stressful!! Just cut your losses and try again in January.

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Something needs to be done about how crowded the dining halls were and make sure students are actually 6 ft apart in classrooms

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Enforce consequences for students (on and off campus) that are not following covid guidelines and the requirements of the agreement they signed, monitor quarantine dorms to ensure students are not coming and going, make dining halls mostly take out.

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I am in full support of re-opening JMU. My daughter is a freshman and in the short time she was there, had a great experience. In hearing what other schools are doing, I would suggest JMU just hold the students more accountable with COVID. I would put in place more temperature checks and separate the students more while in D-Hall's, etc and in classrooms. The students want to be there and will put up with the inconveniences. In addition, JMU needs to have a better plan to accommodate the students who do get it while on campus. VATEch has done it

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and we can too. So far JMU has done a good job but with more planning and accountability, JMU can make it work.

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As much as I want my freshman to return, I truly believe it be best to remain virtual for the rest of the fall semester and have students return in the spring. I fear that resuming in-person classes will have the same outcome as before. I would hate for my freshman to return only to be sent home once again.

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Unless you test ALL before they come back and continually cluster test students the same thing will keep happening. It is not safe until there is a vaccine. Crowded dining halls, parties and overcrowded classrooms WILL NOT WORK. Parents are already talking about letting the kids who have had it get together in large gatherings. Absolutely ridiculous.

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Testing all students. Or students must show a negative test from home that's less than 5 days old from home town.

Instant testing would be Beneficial. It is hard to convince someone to quarantine when they feel healthy.

Require students to watch a educational Covid video linked to the Jmu account weekly that require them to answer 5 questions at the end of the video. (Like a training module)

Have you considered what Uva is doing by testing the sewage from Dorms for closer monitoring?

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Return to campus. Have more in person classes. The classes that are virtual should be live synchronous zoom rather than list of assignments which is what is happening now. If a teacher had to be in class to teach a 90 minute class then require the teacher to be on zoom live teaching a 90 minute class. I do not understand why that is not happening.. But it is not happening. Let students take classes pass/ fail. Have more quarantine rooms available so there is a less threat of closing down. Have all dining facilities open much longer, that is where my daughter says it is a disaster. She has all but canceled most of her food plan because she says she feels the least safe going to the dining halls. Do not stop all clubs and activities, let them do outside small group activities. It's not ideal but it's better than Nothing. There is no reason why 10 students cannot meet outside in a club. Have RA's do meetings outside in smaller groups so that these kids have an opportunity to make friends. My daughter knows nobody she is so lonely, it is so sad. Maybe the super outgoing kid can navigate this, but anyone who is more of an introvert is falling apart. I follow my alum, Vanderbilt University, on social media and they are doing all kinds of ice breaking activities outside in small groups. Professors can also meet with small groups of students outside as a check in. Yes, it is a lot of work, but as a teacher I know most in the profession want to do right and are willing to put in the work. Pay attention to the mental health of these kids. And do not send them home Without everyone of them who wants to be tested the chance to be tested. I have a son who goes to William & Mary and before coming home for Thanksgiving he will receive a free test to determine whether he is negative. Let these kids stay in school!

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Dining hours MUST be extended, & more locations MUST be opened. Students are in classes until 8:30, & only one dining location is open at that time. Dining halls are one of the most difficult places to social



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distance in, & also one of the most dangerous places where COVID can spread. The limitations on dining force everybody into the same spaces at the same time.

If the university continues to stay online. I believe students who were exempt should be able to stay on campus. I will literally be homeless if the university shuts down and sends all the exempt students home

I think all students should be tested before returning

Open the campus as promised on October 5th. Start in-person classes on that day. Kids need to be in class. The danger to them is not that great. Do NOT listen to a handful of fear-mongering parents. Open the school. Let's get on with it.

If we reopen campus, please consider online only classes and campus services, particularly dining, be only open to on campus residents. Also, carry out dining options from the full service cafeterias would be very helpful so the kids don't have to eat together.

The university should remain mostly virtual for the remainder of the fall 2020 semester. As a member of a household that was evicted multiple times growing up, I appreciate the university considering students from less advantaged backgrounds when making the decision to offer in-person instruction. However, there are too many factors outside of the university's control to prevent another outbreak by way of a national second wave of COVID-19, or human carelessness on and off campus. Unfortunately, no institution has that control. The best thing that the university can provide right now is certainty. This pandemic has created unsettling circumstances for so many Americans and people across the world. While a plan to remain virtual will not erase the financial, occupational, mental and medical issues that this pandemic has created or worsened, it will provide students and their families with a plan that will not have to change due to another outbreak. All summer, parents and students had to make decisions with very little concrete information due to the uncertainty of JMU's plan for the fall semester. Even now, there are parents and students that desire to make the best decision for their future, but feel hindered by the uncertainty of how JMU will handle the remainder of the semester. Undoubtedly, there will be people disappointed if the university does not return to in-person lectures. Personally, I enjoy having students on campus and believe that the social aspect of college is necessary and beneficial for students. However, I also believe it is best to continue with mostly virtual instruction for the remainder of the semester because it would be unfair to parents, students, university employees and the Harrisonburg community to have students come back, then have to leave again due to another outbreak.

Caitlyn Read has irresponsibly told The Breeze that JMU is planning to bring kids back on the 5th. Why weren't the PARENTS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY made aware of this before it was told to the newspaper? If the decision is made, why do we have to wait until the 25th to know about it? And about the dining halls opening ONE hour later than normal? What about all the other places you have CLOSED, making all the kids cram into one dining hall? Take-home options? My daughter was at D Hall and the EMPLOYEE refused to allow her to get takeout, saying it was for quarantined kids only. So she eats there, comes back to Grace street and sees her roommate (who is NOT quarantined) eating her takeout from D Hall. I would also like to add that its the PARENTS who want kids to go back to in person. I see very little if any kids complaining about on-line classes, in fact, some of them have said they want to continue with that. My biggest gripe is having to read about your decisions in the student newspaper.

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Please open dorms. Even if remain virtual

I think if it gets bad again, instead of sending us home you should switch to completely online classes and to go dining options. This way off campus students will not come onto campus as much and students on campus can stay in their dorms.

Monitor the students living off campus as stated before while working with the Harrisonburg police. Enforce the measures that JMU has set in place. More in person classes. If the class is online no recordings the professors need to be held to a standard as well. Back up, Re-Group and Move Forward.

I understand that some may view going back to campus as a fully beneficial thing to do, but I ask that you please don't require students to return to campus for classes. If students must to back, please give students/professors the option to stay all online. Even if everybody follows the rules 100% of the time, the danger of the virus is still there. I do not feel safe at all going back to campus.

Please test constantly and consistently. Waiting to test for symptoms only continues the spread. You have to catch asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic covid cases. Some campuses are even using sewage to stop the spread. The students should get take home test kits and test randomly. Test, test, test!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE MAKE ONLINE CLASSES OPTIONAL PASS FAIL. My son is a freshman at JMU and has attention issues and all this back and forth is not good. The transition to college is hard enough then having all classes Online classes is very difficult. We may have to withdraw him from JMU if you don't at least allow for a pass/fail option.

Support In Person

I don't think it is a wise decision to resume in person classes. Though the number of cases has dropped since students left campus, bringing them back is just going to start spreading it again. I don't think it would be fair to send them home a second time. I personally believe that the rest of this semester should be online to play it safe, and then we will see what the conditions are like in January to then think about a possible return.

Stay online and be prepared to be successful in January.

I do not think there is any point in returning students to campus. If no mass testing occurs and there is no increase in quarantine beds, history will just repeat itself. This back and forth, move-in move-out sequence is incredibly disruptive to students' educations. With no vaccine available and students returning from all over the US, cases will inevitably increase once again. JMU needs to vacate campus 100% and hold off till the spring semester instead of ruining every chance for a normal year by rushing our return.

One of the things that I think really needs to be addressed is the situation in the dining locations. The bigger dining halls, E-Hall and D-Hall are well spaced out, so I don't worry about social distancing there. But in smaller locations, like Market, Chick-Fil-A, Festival, and Dukes, people refuse to social distance while standing in line. Once I tried to social distance in Dukes, and a guy cut me in line because I'd left a

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space in front of me! So I think it would help to have some serious discussion about how to encourage social distancing in food lines.

Also, while I have you, I'm sorely disappointed in the way you all have handled the spike in cases, and I'm even more disappointed with the way you've let Alger take the public fall for it. I sent you an email when we first went online about how I thought Alger was the final decisionmaker on that and that I thought he was being cowardly, vague, and wasteful with university money. I found out from the girlfriend of a parking services employee that it was in fact the Board of Visitors that made the call on this front. That meeting should have been publicized. I checked online to see if there had been a meeting on the subject before I sent you that email, and I found NOTHING. So guess what? While Alger might have had some say in the decision (which I have no idea about because it's impossible to find out anything about the hierarchy of administration at this school), he didn't have the final call. You did. And what I said about him is now something that pertains more to you: you were wasteful with university money, you were wishy-washy in the unhelpful information you gave us, and you should have saw your initial decision through. And we as a student body did exactly what you thought we'd do and went after Alger when we should have gone after you.

I don't respect cowards. I feel I should be able to respect my university leadership. Therefore, I implore the BOV to release a statement taking accountability for the decisions you've made regarding COVID and the spike in cases and sending us online. The student body has a right to know who's calling the shots, and everyone seems to think it's Alger. And there isn't much telling us differently.

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Even if in-person learning resumes, it would be helpful, at least in the near future, to allow all students the option of continuing their studies virtually. Some students are extremely anxious about returning, and others have underlying health conditions that make it unsafe for them to return.

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Students need to be tested prior to return and tested throughout the semester. This should have been done at the start of the semester. I would also like to see a pivot to more outdoor learning, especially for large classes. The football stadium serves no purpose this year and could easily be used by dozens of classes at the same time. Many of our lecture theaters have not been updated in years and generally lack proper state of the art ventilation. Having numerous classes a day in these rooms is not safe for faculty and students. The spread of the virus outdoors is vastly reduced. I see many colleges in the nation build outdoor teaching space. We already have these facilities and they aren't being used for academic purposes right now ( or ever for that matter). Faculty could easily project their voices across the bleachers via portable speaker/ microphone systems. Moreover, staggered A and B sections of classes need to be entered as such in MyMadison. Student tend to not read communications from faculty. Freshmen in particular are more likely to show up to class as shown in MyMadison.

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I would like to see campus reopened for in-person classes, but would like to see random covid testing implemented to catch 'hot-spots'. I know at this time it's not possible to implement testing before everyone comes back on campus, but that SHOULD be implemented prior to the start of the spring semester. It seems that schools that have had the best experiences with the virus implemented mandatory testing before coming back from campus. Thank you.

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Please bring back FULL IN PERSON instruction and dorm life! Students are not getting the value of their education and will likely leave.

My sophomore is home. I would like him to return to his dorm on campus. I think all dining needs to be made grab and go and restrict d-hall and e-hall to on campus students only. This would help stop the spread and allow people to eat with their smaller groups safely. Classes are not as much of a concern if everyone is wearing a mask. My middle schooler is on a private school and this is how they are staying in person. When they do eat together they are spaced out, but that is harder with so many kids at JMU.

For the mental health and well-being of students, please keep Fall Break

Why would you put students in a position where it's dangerous to stay on campus or even in Harrisonburg as well as put our families in danger as there's a high potential we could bring COVID-19 home to them? Will resuming operations help this dilemma in any capacity? I hope this is taken into consideration.

I am a mask-wearing, happy that public schools are virtual in my area, kind of parent. That said, I am in full support of our dukes living on campus and managing their Covid after seeing data that this age group has managed to not have hospitalizations nor long term complications. (I am aware of a slight risk, but after seeing surges in cases and data from colleges this fall, it's eye opening.)

For classes, having many virtual classes while focusing on in-person labs and practicum experiences that require in-person would be my focus for the rest of the semester. This allows students the option of staying home for the rest of the semester if they moved home. (I know some classes and professors who have been more involved than others, so following up to see where jmu could do better on that end would be very important.)

I am grateful my duke remained on campus and has preferred that independent (and yet very 'safety regulated') experience over coming home. Just being with peers going through the same learning adventure has given them the opportunity to make the best of a bizarre world we live in right now!

My biggest concern is for the staff- I do not want to lose the jmu vibe and campus experience due to concerns with Covid. If the faculty and staff (and surrounding community) don't feel safe because students are casual about Covid, I would hate for them to leave over their safety being at risk, and therefore, change the culture and jmu experience.

As a COB student who also works two retail jobs, I do/did not feel safe going to my in-person classes. The seats were not 6 feet apart, not everyone was wearing proper masks, and a big percentage of the class was already in quarantine anyways. So what's the point of having to hold in-person lectures and then a whole different lecture as well for those who cannot attend? I also feel safer staying at home since I'm never sure what I'm exposed to at my jobs for the health of others.

I do not see a way that JMU can open safely. Nationwide, very few universities have been successful and most are in the position that we are in now. I think it would be safer and easier on the students to just transition fully online. It would be very disruptive to go back in person, then potentially back online. Furthermore if we return to in person, the university has no way of protecting their students if everyone

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leaves for thanksgiving, and then returns. This would only increase cases again. Their reopening plan had failed, they should admit defeat and move on before it can get bad again (reopening).

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I really want in-person learning to resume- but for lots of classes it doesn't have to. Until there is an actual vaccine, it's not safe to hold classes in person that don't absolutely need to be. But for courses like labs, music classes, & others, they need to be held in person to be effective. Let the classes that absolutely need to be in person meet in person, but keep everything else (lectures) online until it's actually safe. Additionally, if students do not have any classes that are in person & they don't have any other good reasons, they shouldn't stay in on campus dorms.

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It is very important to us and our OOS Freshman daughter that classes resume in person. Learning online is extremely difficult and does not provide the same level of an education. OOS tuition is expensive and to have to do online learning makes it very hard to justify paying. We would like to see: regularly required testing, more available beds for isolation and ramifications for those breaking the signed "Stop the Spread" contract to start with. Many schools here in New England are doing both and are able to have their students remain on campus and continue with in-person classes. I think too much of JMU's plan was an honor system amongst the students... temperature checks, Live Safe app, etc. We believe with some adjustments, JMU should be able to resume on campus living and in-person classes this fall. As much as I would love for my daughter to come home for a fall break, I do not think it is in the students' or the local communities they would be returning home to best interest and therefore should be eliminated.

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Eating in the dining halls should not be allowed, take out only. With the size of our dining halls and how much they can fit and allow that many students in is one of the reasons why covid is spreading on campus. They should also be more strict on who's entering dorm buildings because it is so easy for other people to be coming in and out of their friends buildings. In person class isn't the problem it's the social activities outside of class and the university is doing nothing about

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I would like to see greatly increased capacity of testing, expanded clinic hours over the weekend, and more inclusion of the off-campus students in the entire process. Off-campus students are STILL STUDENTS and use dining halls, libraries and other areas on campus.

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Don't resume in person, it sucks being online but JMU just got to 0 new cases and bringing students back is only going to make the case numbers spike again. It's not fair to the Harrisonburg community to put their town at risk because undergrad students don't know how to be responsible

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COVID testing prior to students coming back and the random testing when at school.

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All students should be given the option to remain online for the duration of the semester, regardless of the primary method of instruction of each of their classes. To be quite frank, I think that resuming in person instruction this semester is absurd given that we are still in the middle of a global pandemic. What will happen a week after classes resume in person? Will students be given 72 hours to vacate campus once again? Very disappointed in how JMU has handled things....

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numbers will rise again just as they did before if the whole school returns on campus. i don't think it's a wise decision. students are not responsible enough to practice effective social distancing. i think that

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people who got the exemption should be able to stay on campus and others who wish so can also apply to come back. however, not just letting everyone come back, keep numbers limited. I think the school should keep classes online, but allow a portion of the students to live on campus because it is best for them.

Please split classes up and space them out better. Rows of chairs with no space between them, sitting every other one, is approximately 18 inches apart - not even close to good enough. 200 people pouring into a classroom shoulder to shoulder is not advisable. All dining should be available To-Go. Microwaves allowed in rooms may help with this.

I'm in total support of bringing kids back for hybrid learning. My son tested positive after returning home and has been in self isolation since September 7 with no symptoms. He was given three months of immunity - which does not excuse him from wearing a mask or social distancing just peace of mind he won't be reinfected or be able to get anyone else sick. I'm staying hopeful that JMU has been working hard putting together a revised plan you can successfully execute to support these kids coming back for partial on line learning and living back on campus.

If we return in person, classes should be required to have an online option. None of my classes did before we went online, and if you were sick you just missed material. Furthermore, if we go back in person, JMU should be considerate of the fact that we continue to change what is happening and it is really difficult to have a routine and it is mentally and physically tiring with all the changes.

The kids need to return to campus. I was surprised to see the number of isolation beds were so small. The dining facilities need to be open longer so you do not get a rush of kids at the busy times. I would suggest returning the kids to campus and doing 2 weeks solely online and move to somewhat of in face classes. Also if kids live off campus they need to remain off campus for the initial 2 weeks.

I feel they shouldn't open because cases will just increase again causing us to go home. It will be smarter to keep us at home, and then allow us to come home in the spring. That way we have the best opportunity to have a normal semester.

it is a horrible, and selfish decision to go back to in person classes. Shame on my Almamatter for doing this. You are a disgrace to the Harrisonburg community.

Require that everyone gets tested before returning, and they must provide the results to JMU or don't resume in-person at all. Other schools handled the testing aspect way better and continue to randomly test every week. The amount the virus spiked in a week once classes started to now spreading like wildfire throughout our town, effecting the community and closing businesses can all be associated to students coming back with the virus and not being aware of it. We had 2-4 cases reported a day during the summer in Harrisonburg City. JMU should of realized that testing needed to be enforced on everyone, so that students who were positive would of stayed home until they were cleared. Until you have all the resources with to enforced testing and continue to constantly test throughout the school year, do not resume in-person classes or students living in dorms.

Please advocate for state and federal funds to go fully virtual for long enough to keep people safe instead of creating an environment where we're operating like a medical facility to "manage cases". We are a

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public institution of higher education and if we are to be truly student focused we would stop approaching this like a business and hold ourselves accountable. This input does not fit with the type of input you are asking for, but this has been the only mechanism for me to provide such feedback. Ultimately the BOV and senior leaders need to do their part to keep our community safe first--then once there's a solid plan folks can rally around the community will approach this with solidarity and come together.

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I love JMU and want nothing but the best for the school, faculty, alums, and students, but I can't sit idly by as everyone I know - and even people I don't know - drop like flies. I know that this crisis is unbelievably difficult for any school to handle and that you all have gotten a lot of flak (much of which is unfair) from the media and stakeholders.

However, as a student enrolled in COB300 this semester, I was scared and uncomfortable when I saw that we were placed in packed lecture halls sitting only one chair apart from everyone else. I had 100% in person classes and every single day I spent a minimum of 3 hours with people boxing me in on every side. The hundred students in my section would crowd outside of the door like sardines - absolutely no distancing and the faculty were too scared to get anywhere near us to intervene.

I would never choose to go back to any of those classrooms because of the unsafe behavior that I witnessed in JMU buildings, as well as the behavior I've seen documented via social media of off-campus parties. I do not deserve to suffer short term symptoms and long term complications.

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As an institution that prides itself on actively engaging with the community, we have to do better. Harrisonburg is now a hot spot for COVID-19 and one of the elementary schools closest to campus closed earlier this week because of case(s) among staff. Continuing to anchor thousands of college students physically to campus is negligent and seems so dismissive of everything HCPS, community organizations, businesses, and community members are doing to protect each other.

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To have the campus open for classes shows deplorable disregard for the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and Harrisonburg. And when newly infected kids go home, they will endanger their families and hometowns.

The worst part is: you KNOW this, and are proceeding anyway in a money-grab for tuition, and room and board dollars.

You should be ashamed.

So much for the high-minded concept of the hallowed halls of higher learning.

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If we return in person, classes should be required to have an online option. None of my classes did before we went online, and if you were sick you just missed material. Furthermore, if we go back in person, JMU should be considerate of the fact that we continue to change what is happening and it is really difficult to have a routine and it is mentally and physically tiring with all the changes.

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JMU should not reopen in October. Cases and survey's results have to be shared with JMU faculty. BOV should invite faculty's input much more at their meeting in respect of shared governance. Faculty are the core of the university and know best what is happening in their classes. A common university policy needs to be put in place about students attendance and their use of camera and mic while attending virtual classes. AAUP-JMU ought to be invited by BOV to speak at their meetings, along with the Faculty Senate, as it is the case for other VA institutions of higher education.

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First, in-person learning was not a concern for my student and all her classes were (for the most part) appropriately spaced. Per her observation students were mask-compliant in all academic environments. Based on the relatively low faculty/staff case numbers, it would seem that in-person classes were not the major contributor to the initial rapid spread.

It's my opinion that D- and E-Hall were the likely transmission vectors. I applaud the changes that have already been made (requiring LiveSafe check to enter, offering to-go, and extending hours), but I would like to be assured that these measures (and more) are sustainable once students are allowed to return to campus. Obviously I don't know the financial impact, but I'd like to know if JMU considered restricting D and E-Hall to residential meal plans only? While it is an inconvenience to commuter students, they do have many other options, and it may be less costly in the long-term to refund commuter meal plans for the fall semester. In order to differentiate, perhaps re-issue JACards in a different color for on-campus residents (again at a cost, but this could become standard practice going forward). Obviously the argument will be that it's "not fair" to restrict campus amenities to on-campus students, however, on-campus students bore both the cost and the consequence of the campus de-densification, and frankly, it's 2020 and Covid19---every option is on the table and there will always be a group that feels slighted. On a personal note, ANYTHING that can be done to improve the situation for the Freshmen should be prioritized; they had a horrible spring and have a long road ahead at JMU...if the university shows them love now, they MAY be able to get rid of the bad taste the sudden shutdown gave them.

With regard to cases, raw case-positive numbers are no longer relevant information; if there is ANY way to capture the metrics surrounding the severity of cases (i.e. asymptomatic, minor symptoms, flu-like sickness, hospital/medical visit, and inpatient hospitalization) this would probably be quite reassuring to most students/parents. I know there are privacy concerns with capturing/releasing this information, but students should have an option to consent for their symptom-related data to be released (maybe an opt-in item on LiveSafe and on the self-report and UHC forms). I suspect if given the option, most students would willingly share this info. Finally, the virus is going to do what a virus does...spread. These are TOUGH times and we are asking a lot from these young adults, so it is imperative that the university considers the students' holistic well-being in all decision-making.

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I believe JMU should not resume in-person learning. The upper level experiential courses are definitely working, but JMU alone raised Harrisonburg COVID cases by 1000+. It's not



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reasonable to bring back the students this semester unless it's the upper-level experiential courses. Next semester you can re-evaluate, but you're putting so many students at risk.

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I believe that the students should be allowed to return to campus and resume in person classes. Limit access to campus from students who live off campus to only the ones that need to attend in-person classes as well as limiting family and friends visits. Punishment for those who break these rules need to be harsh and implemented quickly. If caught having/attending parties, expulsion. Isolate students who show symptoms and/or test positive.

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Keep big lectures ONLINE. Make the limit for a table at dining halls 6 not 8. It's hypocritical for the school to only allow groups of 4 to hang out with masks but will allow groups of 8 to eat without masks. More leadership too and weekly mandatory RA zoom meetings would be good to get updated on new policy. Also, actual temperature checks are needed as I know kids lie on live safe.

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I think if we were to return to October, there needs to be more restrictions. For instance, there was a lot of people who wore their masks wrong. It's above your nose, not under it. Another is social distancing. I didn't like that there were huge lines in the bookstore and dining halls so they need to do something about that. Also, groups of friends in a line need to go. Just because you're friends with someone doesn't mean you all count as "one" person. Third is reporting those not following the agreement. It's sad to think that some people are scared that they're going to be yelled at for reporting those who didn't follow the rules. But, isn't the safety of our community more important? People who are partying and lying about their health to continue being here should definitely be reported and leave. We're young yes, but it doesn't excuse us from thinking about other's health. Last, the school needs to be more straightforward with their announcements. Everyone reading the emails are always confused and trying to read between the lines so the people making their emails needs to get it together. I know this is a lot and maybe I might not even be right but it would be nice if some of what I said can be quoted and out there.

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Please bring all students back

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As a professor and the parent of a current student, the stakes are very high for me and my family. When my child knows more about university plans than I do, I feel completely ignored by administration. For example, my son knew about the online pivot before me. These decisions about opening, pivoting, reopening . . . they have a huge impact on the health and financial security of my family. Faculty are fearful of salary cuts and the elimination of programs. Faculty will pay a severe price for decisions that were made without our input, and sometimes without advance notice. JMU is supposed to be about engagement and ethical reasoning, which I have never doubted until this fall.

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I would like for my son to return to campus. He is currently home, and would like to continue his leaning, whether it's online or in-person, on campus. If in-person classes resume, please ensure that the number of students in a classroom is a safe size.

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I would like to see the university allow students back on campus at a minimum even if classes must continue online. Precautions taken at hot spots like dining halls by allowing for pick up orders and grab n go to minimize the number of students in one location.

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Just get these poor kids back to campus!

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Please send or allow on campus students back even if classes remain on line. Mental health and quality of study time and environment are my reasons. Love JMU

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If brining students back actually have them in classrooms. Being out of state I am paying more in tuition for my daughter to be in virtual classes in her dorm. I've already seen several of her professors say that if they do come back the virtual classes will remain as it too disruptive to switch back and forth from in person to virtual. At least if campus remains closed I get a break on room and board costs.

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Please allow the on-campus students back on campus. This quick and sudden break in their "launch" from home into university life has been devastating, both in terms of social development and academic progress. We can find other ways to deal with any upticks in cases with them on campus. The return home was awful for all involved and not what we think of when we think of JMU.

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Please reverse course and let's make this right for them- especially the JMU class of 2024

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JMU had months to come up with a plan to return to in-person classes, and an additional two weeks of watching events play out at UNC, Duke, Notre Dame, and other campuses to adjust that plan. The plan was flawed, and JMU made no adjustments to it with those examples. In fact, the plan was so terrible that JMU made national news for its extremely botched opening:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/14/style/college-students-coronavirus-hot-spots.html>

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What will be different about this proposed return to in-person classes? Will JMU mandate that all students must be tested before they return to campus, like UVA and W&M did? Will JMU increase the number of quarantine beds to 1500 like UVA did? Will JMU address its horrendous testing shortage that has created a ridiculously high positive testing rate even as cases are just starting to go back down?

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JMU has already burnt a tremendous amount of image and goodwill with this botched re-opening and has left students and faculty in limbo as it waffles with the idea of doing the

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same thing again. If there are not substantial changes to the plan, then what is JMU even thinking?

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Open everything, have everyone wear masks

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Our family is in strong favor of resuming in-person learning and full on campus operations. We are happy to comply with any guidelines therein, including foregoing Fall and Thanksgiving break. Thank you for your consideration.

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My Freshman son left campus (with full intention of returning) as President Alger's email instructed. I would like to see rapid testing of students upon arrival to campus so positive cases can be placed directly in quarantine. Also in regards to testing, random testing should be conducted on campus. The dining halls need to be more regulated with the number of students permitted and encouragement of dining/taking out under tents etc. More strict enforcement of the Stop the Spread Agreement. Putting together a plan To return Is a humongous undertaking with so many moving parts. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

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What I'd like to see is a similar approach to what the vast majority of Colleges and Universities have enacted.

1. Irregardless of CDC recommendations, every student MUST be pre tested to get back in the dorms . You can isolate positive tests before they infect the dorms. Ideally random testing thereafter.
2. Dining halls MUST be takeout only. Extending hours does not accomplish anything as the peak hours are the peak hours . Limit capacity and then after they get their food they must leave either to eat outdoors if weather conditions permit or eat back in their dorm rooms.
3. The overwhelming majority of classes need to be online for the rest of the semester. This will limit the number of students in classes and also limit the number of off campus students on campus. There is absolutely no reason for their to have been classes with over 100 students in a lecture hall. The few in person classes need to be limited to 20 or so students. Any more in the class and it must remain remote.
4. Enforce the rules. Especially in dining halls and dorms. There has to be someone monitoring dining hall capacity even if it's takeout only. Once they achieve the pre determined volume everyone else waits on line outside. In dorms, dorm parties are gaining notoriety. Has to be a zero tolerance for those types of gatherings.

These are not easy choices and they aren't cheap I understand. But the cost of losing 7000 student's room and board fees has to be more than the investment.

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JMU has become a laughing stock because of the way the administration has handled reopening. From NPR to the Daily Show, JMU has become synonymous with how NOT to reopen a university. First, I'd like to have some full acknowledgement from the administration about how badly they handled the reopening. The administration ignored its faculty--the real

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front line workers here--and recklessly opened the university--in the future, faculty must be at the forefront of the decision-making process, as should students. It should not be a clutch of administrators. JMU cherry-picked CDC guidelines, which are already partisan, and decided that 50% capacity was socially distanced, which is laughable. JMU spent hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars investing in PPE and safety measures for classrooms which were used for six days and faculty who should have been teaching remotely to begin with. In short, it was a disaster, and there is no spinning of this. The university should REMAIN remote for the rest of the fall. The only way to reopen the university, and I underscore this, is to do the following things--and if all of these are not possible, then we should remain remote: 1.) more adequate testing: administering tests needs to have the capacity to match the 20,000 students we have. Only testing symptomatic individuals is ludicrous and reckless. 2.) quicker turnaround on testing: 3-5 days is again reckless. 3.) randomized testing 4.) zero-tolerance on breaking pandemic protocols for students 5.) increasing the number of isolation areas: 110 for a population of 22,000 is, well, stupendously poor, 5.) a more pronounced reckoning for the administration: Coltman suggested that the administration wasn't taking a pay cut because they were teaching more, but my dean is teaching a single class of 20 Honors students; this seems to be window-dressing, frankly, and is insulting in its meagerness for the faculty who have spent THEIR ENTIRE SUMMERS pivoting to new teaching modalities. I'd like to see the fault of galactically mismanaging reopening fall squarely on the people who so dramatically insulated themselves from the faculty, rather than to let the inevitable budget cuts land on the faculty. Administration who make six-figures and above should have their pay cut at least 25%. These extra funds, though a pittance in a university budget, would help fund the increase in testing, the acceleration of turnaround on testing, and might, in fact, allow the university to hire back adjuncts to teach--and not 20-person Honors classes. Moreover, it would demonstrate in tangible ways the administration's up-to-now calculated avoidance of admitting fault here. I repeat, though: if a single one of these is not possible, the university should remain remote for the fall. And the university should take these very reasonable suggestions up, and implement them, IF we are intent on returning in the spring. If not, I can assure you, the spring will be a mirror image of the fall, and JMU, having already done damage to its national reputation, would find itself firmly established as the university that cared the least about its community.

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In order to resume in-person learning safely and to avoid the complete failure that was the start of the school year, the university needs to do the following:

- 1) require testing prior to returning on campus. Full stop.
  - 2) Random COVID testing of students. See GMU
  - 3) Test waste water of dorms. See UVA
  - 4) Hold to your promise of keeping classes limited and socially distant.
  - 5) Dining halls should be by reservation and grab and go to avoid large numbers congregating.
  - 6) enforce gathering limits
  - 7) hold students that do not report their stats accountable. "
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I believe the students should have stayed like many of the universities therefore please consider sending them back or at least those that would like to return even if it's virtual

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My freshman daughter and all of her friends are anxiously awaiting on news that they can hopefully return to campus in October. Hopeful that JMU was able to evaluate what policies and procedures other universities that have implemented in order to successfully keep students on campus amid the current situation. Possible testing, increasing number of quarantine beds available, etc. I don't think this virus is going away anytime soon, and we need to adjust and allow our students the opportunity to learn effectively and have some kind of college experience. I have faith that we chose the right school and you will make this happen. Thank you for your efforts.

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Increase wrapped carry out food options/add temporary outdoor food trucks. Increase outdoor organized activities for freshman socialization.

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As a JMU grad, a mother of a JMU grad, an RN, an employer of JMU students, a proponent of getting JMU students who need a site for HSA 320 hours for an AIT experience, and nursing clinicals and other clinical experiences, and an Administrator at a SNF in Harrisonburg (Sunnyside) -- I have a lot to say and too little time to spend writing it all down. I have been very disappointed in how JMU handled going into all this in August. Any college, any nursing facility, any school is not an island in the ocean. JMU as well as Sunnyside is a part of this greater community and there is a responsibility involved here as educated partners to make good decisions about what can impact the greater community you are a part of. There will unfortunately be many cases connected to JMU students and probably some will have serious circumstances for weeks. The skilled nursing facilities are now having to test all of our staff weekly because we are in the "red zone" clearly because of JMU cases and contact cases. Most of these facilities including Sunnyside has already had small outbreaks. We already have some experience that we would have been glad to share what we have learned. Most of the facilities use Dr. Jonathan Shenk as our Medical Director. He also would have come running to give advice. I wish the campus health directors had acted more as a part of this community and met with leadership in hospital, nursing facilities, Central Shenandoah and other schools. Did your health director at the very least speak with Dr. Laura Kornegay, the Central Shenandoah Health Director regarding what could be the impact of a JMU outbreak on the residents older and those with more comorbidities who live in this area? The Central Shenandoah health district is I'm sure completely overwhelmed by the contact tracing at this point. There are many things I would have suggested and maybe you all did everything you could and listened to all kinds of good advice; however I got to tell you: it doesn't seem like that. I love JMU. I love being involved in developing good nurses that are needed and caring & knowledgeable nursing home administrators. I'm grateful that at the very least you have given me and others and avenue to convey our thoughts. Thank you,  
Karen Riley, MSN, RN-BC, LNH

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If you bring them back to only send them home again, I will no longer be paying for my daughters college tuition to JMU. I knew reporting to campus was doomed to fail and 10 days later we're expected to stop everything and pick her up on a weeks notice. Whomever is making these decisions is tone deaf with expecting people to just jump at a moments notice. Unbelievably insensitive to the students support team. I will not be party to this ordeal a second time. Be certain you're ready for them to come back full time, for the entire year because if not, Jmu will have one less paying customer.

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I would love to return to some sort of hybrid classes, i feel that i am getting a better learning experience.

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I work in Student Affairs and know that my colleagues, particularly in the Health Center, ORL, Counseling, ODS, Dean of Students office, and OSARP have been putting every ounce of energy into making a return possible. I also recognize that the university has made significant changes regarding testing, quarantine, and isolation that should all impact the feasibility of a return to in-person instruction. What is still missing, in my opinion, is any articulation from the university of the modeling and metrics that informed the original plan and the subsequent adjustments we have made. How many cases of COVID-19 did we expect to encounter at the beginning of the semester? What assumptions was that number based on and which of them were proven false by our actual experience? Have the changes we made been based on revised modeling? What are our new projections for the likely numbers of infection and the rates of COVID spread in our community upon return to a fully populated campus? How many cases are we willing to tolerate upon return and why? What would lead us to resume online instruction and why? I am very pleased that the university has been relatively transparent via the dashboard, but I have no idea how decision makers are using that data to inform our course of action. For example, I can see that our 7-day positivity rate has declined rapidly since we de-densified campus, but it still remains at a level that far exceeds the WHO's 5% recommendation for lifting restrictions. To me, that means we're headed in the right direction but we're still not seeing the reduction in spread and/or the increase in testing that would justify moving to a less restrictive environment. I have no epidemiological training, however, so it's very possible that I'm interpreting that number incorrectly or that there are other metrics that are more useful for making this decision. JMU needs to be able to clearly articulate the reasoning behind our decision, including the math behind our predictions for what will most likely come next and how we'll know if we're on track or in trouble moving forward. Right now it feels like we're throwing everything we can against the problem without being guided by a clear strategy and certainly without adequately communicating to our students, staff, families, and the broader Harrisonburg community. I worry that we're being guided by short-term financial considerations (and I truly don't mean to minimize the enormity of those considerations) and public relations pressure rather than by scientific guidance. I am especially concerned that public health experts on our faculty do not appear to have been consulted at any point in the process. To me, that lack of a clear strategy is at the root of our initial failure this year, and I am not satisfied with returning to full density if our strategy moving forward is merely hoping that we've copied

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enough elements of other schools' plans to get lucky on our second try. I know the impact of not returning to in-person instruction will be brutal, but if we repeat our mistakes, we will never regain our community's trust and the effects will be even more severe. Again, I want to reiterate my appreciation for everyone's hard work. I truly am open to being convinced that we are prepared for a return to in-person instruction and full density, but to date, no one has comprehensively explained why I or anyone else should feel confident about that course of action. Respectfully, [REDACTED]

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More options for dining take out. My daughter has commented on how crowded the dining halls are and that the tables are often left dirty bc there just isn't enough time for the staff to clean between seatings. Also, I'm not sure the bathrooms in the dorms are being cleaned as often as needed. My daughter is in Shorts and mentioned that one of the 3 showers in her hall bathroom (I believed shared between 24 girls) had vomit in it for a few day's. More outdoor gathering for the kids. The social party has been difficult. Thank you for asking:)

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I understand this is a complex problem and that money, health and job security hangs in the balance, but I do not think that JMU should rush to bring students back to campus. There has been no change in the control of virus spread since August when students came back and caused a large spike in this area. Those numbers continue to stay high weeks after you closed the dorms. Those cases have appeared to start spreading outside of the JMU community into the community at large. I think it would be refreshing to see an institution choose health and community over the bottom line. Thanks for reading, good luck with your decision process!

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that they go back ! The kids need to be responsible for staying safe the college can only do so much . Any risky behavior should be punished on the spot ! Its not fair for the kids who are doing everything right . if not anything bring the Freshman back to campus .

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Please test all students once per week with the rapid test and conduct wastewater testing on every dorm twice a week

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Clearly the previous precautions did not work all that well. There was simply not enough classroom capacity or dining hall capacity. The plexiglass barriers in classrooms were laughable. The hovercams for hyflex simply did not work in most classrooms. We were too close to each other even when we ""fit"" the new guidelines.

There is also the serious issue of destroying trust in JMU. Students and their parents tolerated one serious screwup. There is not room to dither around endlessly. If we come back in October and it does not work, who will sign up for spring classes? Who will come back next academic year instead of transferring? Faculty already distrusted the school after the heavy pressure this

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summer to trust the plan and the leaders--which led to 5 days of in-person classes. Faculty were right in their concerns. That trust is already destroyed. Students no longer trust either, but they are willing to give it one more try this academic year. There is no way enough has been figured out in only 3 weeks to overcome another disaster. Consider the long term costs of destroying student trust and willingness to come back.

Finally, what are the consequences for these mistakes? At what point does an understandable effort to do our best under these circumstances become a huge mistake? The senior leadership team is paid to make difficult decisions. Staff and faculty will face pay cuts and layoffs if our financial situation continues to decline. Raises are now not going to happen for many years for those in the trenches. Surely **senior leadership should share the pain!** Most employees suffer for the decisions made or not made. Those in leadership don't have great choices, but they do ask others to sacrifice for the good of all. They should too. That may mean pay cuts. It may mean some people are downsized. It also may mean **firing leaders who made poor choices.** All of this happened to ebb the financial losses. Those losses matter a lot. But if the choices made simply make the financial losses compound, then the financial leaders must take responsibility."

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Please **upgrade the quality of the quarantine situation** by providing separate accommodations from The general population. Please upgrade the quality of the isolation situation by addressing the medical monitoring of students and the process of providing healthy food regularly. Share the process of these upgrades with parents twice per week.

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Provide a greatly increased amount of readily available rapid testing around the grounds by **establishing 15 easily accessible rapid testing stations that students can access 7 days a week.** Open the health center 7 days a week as it is a pandemic. Share these updates with the parents so there is transparency.

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**I would like to see the children go back full-time** obviously they are all recovering at a very fast rate if we keep hiding in our houses we will just keep the virus going kids need to go back to school

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**I don't think that we should return to campus.** The same exact thing that happened first semester will continue to happen and all of us that didn't get covid the first time we were at school will get it again. Please just wait till next semester to try again it's **not worth risking our safety.**

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Freshman daughter just came out of isolation after testing positive at home and is **ready to go back!**

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I was a bit surprised to not see any changes in implementing new policies for dorm life. I was expecting to see an RA stationed at one main entrance for each dorm checking IDs to verify only residents of that dorm were entering and was also expecting to see hall RA's do nightly



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room checks (with possible curfews so that a final room check could be done, then access to the building turned off for the night). This would help deter large unmasked gatherings that were being reported in dorms.

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The decision regarding a return to on-campus/in--person instruction must be driven by and grounded in both scientific data about the spread of the virus and in our understanding of the social psychological realities of the reasoning, thought-processes, and interactive patterns of young people. Given our best collective and up-to-date knowledge of these things, it seems abundantly clear that a return to in-person classes does not make sense.

In addition to seeming to run counter to a general promotion of public health measures to limit and counteract the spread of the virus, a return to campus also seems to violate our contract with the students to promote and support their mental and physical well-being. In other words, it seems cruel to have brought students back to campus for less than a week, sent them to all virtual instruction, which for many required relocating and having to quarantine in their own houses to avoid possibly exposing family members to the virus, to bring them all back when there is every reason to think that something similar will happen again. This is especially true for first-year and transfer students.

Faculty need to know be able to trust plans moving forward so that we can make plans for our courses. Allowing us to continue virtual instruction throughout the semester (and, arguably through the spring semester, as well), will best enable us to provide the most engaging and well-laid-out courses for our students.

In short: Stay safe; stay online.

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They shouldn't! All students should go home safely and all classes should be online. I'd also prefer to stay working remotely as long as possible.

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I would really like to see at least the lab classes return to in person. It's frustrating to be paying for an in person class that gets full benefits from being in person being taught online. This is the healthy population age of people. They can learn to be responsible and wash their hands and wear a mask. If not, I think consequences need to be handed out. It's not fair to my student who is doing what is asked and having to stay shut up in his apartment...that he's paying for when he could be home if virtual is to continue. Another unfair consequence of all this.

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I would like testing students to happen before returning to in person learning and full campus operations. I would like students to be responsible/have consequences for any rule breaking- I live in the purcell park area and can hear and see large student gatherings day and night at several student rented houses in our neighborhood and in the rentals along main street.

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Finally, I would like the university to consult with public health professionals to come up with a plan with specific testing and prevention policies, specific numbers for when to quarantine groups of students, cancel classes and train students/have contracts with them for if they break safety precautions.

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Other than required in-person labs, clinicals, practicums etc., make it so that students are still allowed to come to class/take exams virtually. As a nursing student, I do not want to come onto campus unless if I'm being taught a hands on skill.

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When the on campus students come back, please beef up and vigilantly patrol for student gatherings and shut them down, as well as students going unmasked and automatically suspend all students involved!

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I support the decision to reopen the campus for students to resume in-person, hybrid and online classes so that students can be at JMU learning on and off campus. The students have faced many obstacles this year and will be better, smarter and stronger because of it. Having the students actually attend JMU, even though it may feel different than normal years, is better for their overall mental health. They of course still need to obey the "Stop the Spread" contract they agreed to, and should face consequences if they do not. Bringing the students back to a college environment is better than having them try to accomplish college at home. That's just my opinion :-). THANKS JMU for all you are doing in the midst of this unknown Covid world. Keep looking out for your students' best interests and keeping them, your staff and the community safe. We are all in this together!!

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I hope you take into consideration all of the struggles these Dukes have experienced from day one of the term. many who are new college students and away from home for the first time in their lives. I wish that there was a Pass/ Fail option offered for students. Online learning has been a significant challenge, there is no uniformity to any of the courses which makes it difficult for students to find all the information that they need to excel. While I understand there are some courses that they may need towards a specific major, it would be a tremendous relief for them to Pass/ Fail out of the others. Many are trying to get well physically, while keeping their emotional health peaked. This has been an incredible challenge. For COVID safety, I would encourage you to have all students test prior to coming on campus. For those that have positive test results, they should be isolated for the 10 day period before coming on to campus. I hope you consider limiting the amount of people in the dining halls at one time, as well.

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My DS LOVED his two weeks on campus. He was able to make new friends, see what college is all about, and explore the rec center. PLEASE let them come back and enjoy college life.

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Firstly, I want to thank the JMU administration and BoV for all of the hard work and thought that has gone into the reopening plan. I understand that there are many options to weigh and there

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is no one right answer. I do not have a lot of time to edit my thoughts, so the following may be slightly disorganized, but I hope you consider what I have to say.

As much as the JMU community wants to be back for in-person learning, a pandemic is not the time to bring everyone back to a campus. While "only" 1300 students have tested positive or self-reported, it should be considered that that number may have only evened out because of the de-densification of campus. Furthermore, while the death rate for COVID-19 is relatively low for traditional college students, there are still many other people to consider. I also understand that there has been little-to-no evidence of transmission into the greater Harrisonburg community. But shouldn't the lack of death and greater community transmission be seen as lucky instead of standard? What will you do if someone (student or faculty/staff) does die due to COVID-19?

It is understood that the university's financial well being is at stake, especially in a landscape in which science is politicized and federal aid is little more than a hopeful thought. Please share this information with your students and staff as it puts some of your decisions into perspective.

Regarding the LiveSafe app, there is nothing preventing students from providing fabricated or false information in their daily surveys. Even if students were asked to provide a specific temperature, most people know that 98.6 would get them a green check mark. Short of asking for a picture of a thermometer or taking temperatures at every building entrance, there is not a way around this issue. If students are required to use the LiveSafe app, not only does it need to be lie-proof, it needs to be enforced at building entrances, dining halls, classrooms, etc.

Should in-person classes resume, students should have a choice as to whether they want to continue the class online or in-person. This is not only to protect students' physical health, but mental health as well. The processes that students have to go through to request an online delivery format for their classes are cumbersome and create barriers. Students should be able to pick a delivery format that makes them feel the safest while also getting the most out of their education without having to disclose the reasoning because we are in a global pandemic. Faculty should also not penalize any students who do not feel safe entering a classroom. Instructors should have the flexibility to host their courses online should they not feel safe without having to apply to do so.

Overall, I think JMU's initial plan would have worked in an ideal world; however, college students are unpredictable. The school should not reopen unless there is a plan that can get us to Thanksgiving. With the swiftness that we had to pivot at the beginning of the semester, I'm not sure I see that as a possibility with only four weeks of planning.

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Set up something so that off-campus students on a meal plan eat in a different setting than on-campus students, so there is less mixing of the populations in case of a spreader. Also, since on-campus kids are restricted to socializing in-person with those from their own dorm,

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please, please have the dorms/RA's? ORL do a better job of setting up ways for these kids to meet each other. My student is sitting in a dorm room and knows no one and says everyone in the dorm is sitting behind closed doors. Try to do something for the mental health of these kids. They need safe socialization

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I would very much like the students to have in person classes with full campus operation

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I believe that the major issues faced involved dining, isolation space, and an inability to enforce mask rules and restrictions on large gatherings

There were not enough dining options open at dinner time and on weekends to keep crowding down. Many campus locations are only open 12-3 and not at all on the weekend. This has got to change.

150 isolation/quarantine spaces is unrealistic with a school of JMU's size

I have a grad student who lives off campus. She and roommates reported large gatherings in their community via the live safe app and were told that NOTHING could be done since the parties were off campus. The JMU rep they spoke to told them to call the police with a noise complaint and that nothing else could be done. If JMU prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people, then they MUST find a way to enforce it both on and off campus.

Mask requirements MUST be enforced. RAs and other hall staff must become engaged and stop the anti mask contingent that is out there. Again - there must be consequences for not following the rules.

Professors should also be responsible for adhering to rules. One of the professors who my freshman has told a class of over 150 students (who were meeting in person) that he doesn't believe in masks. Again - unacceptable.

Finally - if classes do continue on line, teachers must teach. I am paying way too much money for my student to be looking at slide presentations with no faculty involvement other than posting links to assignments.

I want nothing more than getting the students back on campus. Please adjust JMU's current policies to make this happen. Right now I'm embarrassed to say that my kids both attend JMU.

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I just want to make sure that the Board knows that's daughter had no live virtual courses in the spring. It is very difficult to most students to learn via a computer and what still seems to be mostly independent learning. I am sure a select group of faculty are doing a great job with online teaching but the majority are not. Without in-person tutoring, office hours and study groups the ability to truly learn through collaboration is severely impacted. Given this lack of

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resources and that much work is no independent, and not to mention the enormous amount of stress these young people are under - I urge the Board to cancel final exams and reinstate them only if full in-person classes and student support is available.

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My daughter's main concerns were about the dining halls. They felt unsafe, understaffed and overcrowded. I'd like to know that the processes there have been improved. I work at UVA and have seen firsthand how they've marked designated seats and removed furniture, created many grab and go items, and increased the # of food pickup locations within the facility. I think the kids would be amenable to being assigned dining hall times to alleviate the long lines and overcrowding. Similarly, I'd like to know that the libraries are reopened with precautions in place. Designated safe seats, signing up for 2-hour slots and routine cleanings would ensure a safe place to study. If you're going to bring students back, it should be because you can create a semblance of a campus experience--this includes dining halls, classrooms and libraries. Don't bring them back to stay shut in their dorm room. Thank you!

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OPEN!!

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Have kids returning to campus to be tested

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OPEN US BACK UP. You cannot let the upperclassmen off campus students define whether or not freshmen are allowed on campus. We know you just want our money so let us all stay on campus and vibe. Majority of the student body has already gotten COVID-19 by now so we all good. Also please open the food options back up, I'm supposed to be gaining weight not losing it come on! As a student who has not gone home, it seems fine to me to let all students come back to campus and resume hybrid classes again. We all know what we are doing and putting ourselves at risk. College is an experience every person should be able to experience stop ruining it for us.

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If you do decide to reopen in person, please consider also allowing students to continue online classes if they feel safer doing so.

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I believe that every single person involved in this situation right now knows the consequences of bringing students back. We have already observed a massive breakout just from one week of classes. Yes, students are not dying from this illness but this will spread beyond students to faculty, dining hall staff, and locals who are a largely senior population. This is not a time for greed. Let those who have no choice to stay, and allow people to get tested before returning home this time.

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I would like to see more precautions taken at the dining halls-strictly limiting number of students; only offering take-out; also, I would like there to be more enforcement of the rules re. social gathering, particularly for off-campus students (when we picked up our freshman two weeks ago, we saw a HUGE outdoor party at one of the off-campus apartment buildings-obviously

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JMU students)-it is unacceptable that JMU is allowing off-campus students to flout the rules that the on-campus students are abiding by

1. Weekly covid testing needed for ALL students to ID those who are both symptomatic and asymptomatic. Pool-testing will be cost-saving. Pool test suites or dorm floors.
2. Designate ONLY one dining hall for sorority / frat and off campus students. Color code their JCard ? to identify them. It is key to separate the off-campus and frats/ sororities as much as possible.
3. Strict and swift punishment for those who are not following the guidelines ( masks, social distancing, parties.) If they signed the document to follow the guidelines, they need to be accountable.
4. Institute take out / and or delivery from ALL dining halls so the students can eat outside or back in their dorms. They have to take their masks off the eat, so sitting in the dining hall is a problem.
5. Empower the RAs to be strict ! (My daughter had a fire in her dorm bc a student had a microwave fire in their room. How was this not caught? )
6. Dorm waste water testing for covid. Then you can do pool-testing of the students if detected in the dorm.

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There be testing

Please bring all students back on campus on oct 5th! It was unfair to make so many exceptions and send other students that were doing the right thing home. When they come back they should quarantine for a week and then resume in person learning as much as possible. There should be restrictions on students going in dorms that are not theirs. There should be assigned times for the dining hall. In person learning should not start until the students in dorms have quarantined for a period of time. Random Covid testing should also occur. The health center needs to be open seven days a week.

Please let those of us who need to meet F2F do to the applied nature of our classes do so with upper level courses and graduate courses. Especially if we can socially distance ourselves in the experiences and be safe.

Please bring them back on campus. Please do NOT send them home should there be another outbreak. Let them stick it out and live it out. Take a look at how other schools have kept their students on campus and living a somewhat normal college life. We want our daughter at school, she wants to be at school.

I think that students should get tested before returning to campus! Or we should do two week of remote learning once returning to campus before starting in person classes. Along with that,

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people caught violating rules should be reprimanded, all students shouldn't be punished because people can't follow the rules :)

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At the very least, please provide ALL students with the option of in-person or online classes. I do not think re-opening is a good idea, but if it does happen, students should have the right to choose whether they want to risk being in-person. Also, since the success of any kind of plan is going to rely heavily on student/faculty/staff behavior, there must be swift and reasonable consequences to not following safety protocol.

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Whatever you decide, make it final. My freshman thrives with habit and routine - which are essential to collegiate success. The back and forth is too disruptive to give kids the chance to get into their "academic groove."

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I have been following all guidelines and have not seen people other than my roommates and go to the grocery store when needed (and wear a mask). However, I found going to class in person stressful because I always had to consider if I was being put in danger of other students. While my classes made some efforts to social distance, I was not always 6 feet apart and it added more stress to the class experience. I was told from faculty that I should email my opinion to you before the university makes its final decision on whether we will return to in person classes in October. I also find it very stressful having to constantly develop a new routine. I am starting to get used to online class and my professors are beginning to develop a structured classroom format. This did take a few days/weeks to happen after we moved online and another transition back to in person (and then potentially back online again if we did resume and then had to shut down) would cause even more disruptions in an already complicated semester. I think that staying online until we are more in control of covid-19 would be more beneficial, safe, and logical for the Harrisonburg and JMU community.

I also feel like returning to class will increase cases and put teachers and students in danger. Even while following guidelines, I have had roommate who was exposed and had to be tested twice. Constantly having to think about covid is a major distraction from classes and an already stressful semester. I am a senior job searching, which has introduced another level of uncertainty, and leaving classes online is one thing that can create a certain routine and structure.

I look forward to hearing what the university decides and appreciate your work in this hard time.

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Many other universities, such as George Mason University and UVA, have tested students and continue to do random testing. This seems to have curbed the spread, especially at Mason. I feel these measures should be taken at JMU. In addition, the Dining Hall issues need to be addressed as well as penalties for not following protocol. I really want my Duke to be able to continue to be on campus, even if most/all of his classes are online.

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Overall, I appreciate what JMU has done so far to try and have students on campus. My daughter is a freshman and was enjoying her experience prior to the shutdown of campus housing. We appreciate the opportunity JMU gave to her regarding remaining on campus as her father has been undergoing chemo. Although she tested negative, she quarantined with a suitemate who tested positive. Moving forward, I strongly believe routine testing by pooling is necessary as so many of my daughter's classmates that tested positive were asymptomatic. I also believe the university should do all it can to get the students outside. Ample outside tables at dining halls or near the buildings are needed as well as encouragement for them to eat outside. My daughter is in the Village and I think having tables/chairs outside and outdoor activities is key; and I am in favor of returning the basketball hoops and having outdoor games available to sign out, such as cornhole, kanjam, giant jenga, spikeball, etc. I'd even purchase a few for her dorm if they were going to be monitored for signout, perhaps from a student employee in the dorm's common room. Finally, I believe staffing the doors to the dorms and checking ID would cut back on the students being in each other's dorms. So in a nutshell, frequent testing by pooling, get the students outside, hire hourly employees to monitor dorm entry doors and work the common room in dorms to sign out outdoor equipment. Fingers crossed and hoping for the best!

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/pooling-procedures.html>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/safe-activities-during-covid-19/art-20489385#:~:text=When%20activities%20are%20near%20where,virus%20than%20indo,or%20activities%20do.>

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Secure more isolation beds, provide more grab and go dining options, provide in person classes if safely possible, keep UHC open on weekends.

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If you bring students back (and I hope you do), please close the dining halls and only offer grab and go options. Do more testing, including of asymptomatic people and waste water testings like so many other schools are doing so outbreaks can be prevented. Increase the isolation and quarantine bed space. It should be 4 or 5 times what it is now so students don't have to be sent home again when (and it will be "when" not "if") cases spike. Eliminate fall break and keep students home after Thanksgiving to finish classes online. Right now JMU is the only school in VA that sent students home. Your reputation is at stake.

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Please put a priority on bringing the freshman who left back on campus. Sufficient isolation beds with adequate support for these students.

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It is a real shame that Robbie Symons who is employed as the JMU Emergency Management Coordinator was not consulted before the school year started. He has incident command experience ( which other universities are currently using an incident commander during the pandemic). He is also a FEMA certified instructor and is an instructor and member of the state of Virginia Dept of Emergency Management team. He also is an instructor certified to teach bio



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hazardous courses for the Dept of Domestic Preparedness for first responders and JMU students and he is a retired local fire chief. I don't understand why he was not consulted since he can provide valuable information and experience.

Did you know that there is a pandemic response team at JMU but they were not used or consulted at all for the preparation of the school year? JMU is an educational institution but you are not using a proven leader and the extra-ordinary knowledge that Mr Symons has with emergency management situations. Shouldn't you use all the knowledgeable resources JMU employs especially one with emergency management experience? Yes you consulted the VA Dept of Health but you still need someone experienced at JMU to help make realistic plans. It is usually good to hear all the information & opinions from individuals with diverse backgrounds to make an informed decision on how to proceed on the University opening not just administrators. The plans to open JMU in August was overly optimistic and obviously under prepared with little contingency plans for all the different scenarios to play out that a person with emergency management experience could have seen the difficiencies that happened. Obviously JMU had rose colored glasses on that everybody will comply to the rules but you should have known that some professors would not comply, and the surrounding locals from the city and county do not always comply. JMU even allowed locals & out of city fans in their baseball stadium without masks and social distancing for a lousy example of adhering to compliance. The rules of JMU should have been followed no matter what the county leagues loose rules were.

Just use & listen to your experienced resources even if they would have a difference of opinion. At least you would have all the good and bad scenarios and information out in the open to make the best decision possible!

As for in-person classes, what is the threshold number that a professor should turn back to online classes? A professor saw his classes being at fully attended in-person on the first day of classes. After one week his classes had only 1/3 of the students attending due to covid positives, quarantining, possible exposure so they did not want to take the chance of coming to class & infecting people, and others with not covid health reasons. (Many emails were sent to him explaining why they were not in class along with the emails from the health center.). The professor ended up having a real class time live stream for those not in class while teaching the in-person class. He also recorded the real-time class for those who were too sick to view the class at the normal class time. It was difficult to balance teaching content to the in person class and having meaningful discussions while many more students were on WebEx and trying to input their discussion through the chat dialogue box. He would check the chat box only a couple of times during class so he could get through all the content. He would have virtual office hours for those who wanted more discussion or help. If classes would have continued with the same downward trend after the first week of classes, his classes would have had the majority of students online. For example 10 students in-person while 48 students are online. So it would make sense to have the class be totally online for better discussions even though the few in class would still want in person class. Who should that professor pay more attention to? The 10

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in person students or the 48 online students? This is one of the quandaries that an in-person professor has but does not have the guidelines on what should be done when parents & students are complaining about too many online classes. I don't think this scenario was thought of when deciding on in-person classes.

I don't think the descriptions of in-person vs hybrid vs online are good. The percentage of in person class time is too loose. In-person is above 51%. Hybrid is the most abused with in-person under 50%. Did you know that some professors called their class hybrid but were only going to show up in person for the first day and then the rest of the semester would be online? They didn't want to fill out the large amount of paperwork to be totally online so that is how they are getting away with it. More realistic in person percentages would be >65% , hybrid 40-65% and online <40%. No wonder parents are furious about the amount of online classes with this bait and switch of so called hybrid in person classes. This should be changed because JMU's trust reputation is lowering as the semester goes on. If this occurs in the 2nd semester which most likely the way our country is non-responding to the pandemic, trust in JMU's great reputation will be gone and ruined for many years to come.

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Clarity for teachers who have decided that they refuse to come back even if JMU closes which gives my son NO choice to be on campus - why should he sit in a dorm and take classes on line. We are Out of Country and its difficult to have him keep flying back and forth and paying OOS tuition too.

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Don't make the same mistake twice

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Don't do it. MANY students are still being exposed, and diagnosed on a daily basis without campus even being opened. A friend is experiencing vicious symptoms from COVID currently from being exposed by another student who refuses to wear mask. Keep us virtual or the numbers WILL rise just like before. Students are scared to come back and our safety should be prioritized over everything.

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Staying completely online needs to be an option

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Ease back slowly. Bring the 3,000 back but STAY ON LINE. Get food services under control. Then first in-person should be labs and smaller classes under 50. All large classes should stay on line a little longer and see how the ease in goes. JMU has to enforce guidelines whether people like it or not. There have to be ramifications for violating the agreement we all signed.

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I'd like to know how this time will be different than the original fall opening. Your closing addressed cases on campus, but not those off campus. I live downtown and I have seen young people, presumably, students continue to gather at houses, bars, and restaurants after the switch to online instruction. Nothing has changed and nothing will change because JMU has

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lacked real, decisive leadership that would benefit and keep students, faculty, and staff safe and healthy. Reopening in October AND the Spring semester, for that matter, will cost students, staff, and faculty their health because there are long term health implications, despite the idea that one can be recovered after 10 days, as JMU has boasted in your cutesy COVID dashboard. I'd like to know if JMU will be transparent about clusters or will you continue to manipulate the data, ignore the journalists from The Breeze, and focus on maintaining the ever-important image that everything is great at JMU?

Finally, I want all of you to know that you have completely undermined whatever modicum of credibility JMU had and have revealed this institution for what it has always been -- a corporate enterprise that is more concerned about profits than its people. JMU's choices have turned the campus, Harrisonburg, and Rockingham County into a COVID hotspot for the sake tuition and fees. I would like to see real leadership from the JMU administration and take a turn to online learning for the rest of the year. I understand that the community here is special and every student should get to experience that, but unfortunately, in the midst of a global pandemic, we cannot get what we want and what we deserve. We must act prosocially, return to quarantine for as long as it takes, and reopen this university when it is actually safe -- certainly not in October and most likely not in the Spring. JMU has put lives in danger and for that, you have broken the trust that this university has the best interest of students at heart. I am no longer confident that JMU cares about me, my fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

JMU has long heralded itself as a leader, innovator, and an institution that can make difficult decisions. This is an opportunity to live up to that standard and continue online instruction for the remainder of the year, instead of making yet another deeply disappointing decision to put students in danger for the sake of profits.

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Covid is real but the risk of death is so minimal in comparison to students living their life and maturing. I fully supported bending the curve initially but it's time to get back to normal. Practice distancing and face masks if necessary and quarantine those at high risk. Let's go!

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If there is any potential to keep most of the kids home this year, would you please consider allowing the kids to stay on campus who utilize resources there daily. My daughter is a Sophomore double major in music theatre / vocal performance and broadcast journalism. It would be great if she could get back to some kind of in person learning for performance ( She just can't learn as well virtually- certain nuances can not be picked up easily through a computer screen.) , and she uses the computer lab with the complex graphics applications required for producing Breeze tv many hours daily. We are not prepared to invest in this technology to be used at home. She is very happy to still be allowed to stay on campus where she is so productive and feels even more comfortable there with the changes in the dining program. I know that there are other majors with similar situations necessary to stay on campus in the sciences.

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Please consider on campus housing an option for these kids. Thank you for doing this tough job. Many of us appreciate it more than you know.

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I believe that if JMU chooses to resume in-person learning & full campus operations, on-campus students should be able to choose whether or not they want to come back WITHOUT suffering financial consequences. To be more specific, I was recently told that students who choose not to come back to campus for Fall semester and fill out a "Request for Release form" will have to move out from their room by October 10th and are not guaranteed on-campus housing for Spring 2021.

I don't think that's fair; we were inconveniently asked to leave JMU unless we filled out an exemption form, which was essentially for students who needed to stay on-campus (i.e. those who had a susceptible loved one at home, those who were showing symptoms of COVID, those who had no way of getting back home). For those of us who were able to leave, we were barely given any time to move out, and we also had to take our classes, jobs, etc. into account as we hassled to figure out how to get home by Sept. 7th. I think that if certain students does not feel comfortable coming back to JMU and potentially being sent home again, we should have the option to not pay for our room rent for Fall semester because we're not living there, WITHOUT being kicked out of our room and having to go through the entire housing process again. This can be so stressful for some families and students.

Also, meal plans should be fully refunded (except for the money that was used before September 7th), and students should be able to choose whether they want their dining dollars refunded OR if they would rather it be "rolled over" to Spring 2021. I currently already have \$120 in rollover-dining from Spring 2020 (when we had to abruptly leave campus in March), in addition to my \$275 dining dollars for this semester that haven't been used yet. I don't need \$395 rolled over to spring 2021. I know that money will be put to waste because I cannot possibly use all that rollover money plus my \$275 that is given to me in the spring. Refunds for punches should be given as well.

Everything I stated was meant to be said respectfully, I only wrote in caps to emphasize certain points. College is expensive and stressful, and JMU asserts that the university understands how difficult these uncertain times can be. If that is true, the university should take the time to consider how these housing and meal plan decisions can be unfair, especially when us students did not ask for COVID to affect our college experience the way that it has.

Thank you

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I am hopeful that the students can return to campus. All of the other VA state schools are able to make things work on campus to this point. Some changes that maybe should be considered are 1) allowing students to return to campus but keeping instruction virtual for 2 additional weeks while numbers stabilize 2) having cafeterias be grab an go only during this time allowing

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students to eat outside. 3) after 2 week period open cafeterias up with greatly reduced capacity and encourage grab and go still 4) classes with 50 people or more should remain virtual 5) increase quarantine/ isolation capacity 6) review testing options - test before or on return to campus, waste water testing? 7) stronger enforcement of COVID rules and procedures 8) allow all sports teams access to facilities even if it has to be in smaller groups (this is a personal request as my daughter is anxious to start training for cheer)

Thank you for reviewing community feedback. As the parent of a freshman who has dealt with so much disappointment over the past 6 months I am anxious for her to return to campus. I know that JMU will make the necessary improvements this go around.

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my daughter had a short time at JMU but absolutely loved it! The things that she learned in the 11 days that she was there, as a parent, we couldn't be more prouder of her! She learned how to survive on her own without mom and dad!! Although she contracted covid and was sent home, she is excited and so are we for a return in October! It is up to these kids to become adults and let them experience what college/life is all about! So on behalf of my husband and I we would love for her to continue her growing experience at JMU in person!

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Please do not bring students back until the Spring. Our daughter has spent more time in quarantine because of potential exposures than she has spent in class. She did come home when classes went online and was confined to her room until she had passed the 14 day quarantine period. The back and forth uncertainty of it all is not conducive to learning. Plus, the concern about where is and is not safe to go on campus has turned JMU from a center of learning into a gauntlet of mistrust and concern. Take the time to educate students on the danger and put a solid plan in place so that students and faculty can feel safe on campus. Those types of plans take time, time that this parent doesn't believe JMU has invested as of yet.

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You need to hold the students accountable for their actions and if they aren't following the agreement. No warnings. Other universities are suspending kids for breaking rules (without warning) and there are strict rules that are being enforced. JMU needs to enforce what they are asking of everyone to follow.

Dinning halls need take out options or scheduled times.

I believe JMU should stay online this semester, don't put your professors at risk.

More testing.

Enforce the live safe app.

Know that kids aren't reporting if they are sick and this is going to make it worse for the campus.

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stay online fully!

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Unless mask use is enforced for students (and it wasn't until JMU had to shut down) it is pointless to return to face to face classes.

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There has to be consequences for people's actions. Regardless of people's personal opinions about the situation. If they don't agree or goes against their beliefs then they can leave. If the school presents rules and they are broken there needs to be consequences. I'm not talking about severe for every situation. Obviously it needs to be determined by the school on a case by case, but this situation is still unknown and the long term effects of getting this virus is unknown. It's not fair for students who believe in science, following rules and who are actually at JMU for the right reasons to be unknowingly exposed by students who think this is a regular flu or not a big deal. Maybe it is... but until that's determined by science rules need to be not only established but enforced to help get the point across.

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Why would you put students in a position where it's dangerous to stay on campus or even in Harrisonburg as well as put our families in danger as there's a high potential we could bring COVID-19 home to them? Will resuming operations help this dilemma in any capacity? I hope this is taken into consideration.

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Do what the other large public universities in Virginia did before returning to campus: Require student COVID testing, for the entire population, before they set foot on campus. It won't catch everything. But it will catch dozens or hundreds of positives before they return and begin this cycle all over again. It worked for William & Mary. It worked for dozens and dozens of other colleges and universities across the country. If Virginia State University can accomplish this same task, surely JMU can.

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As you go into the fall season and COVID/flu become intertwined and difficult to detect one from the other, easily spreading, I encourage, if not beg you, to have rapid testing available in abundance. I have a child with significant pre-existing conditions who cannot attend high school this year. I understand only too well that everyone wants to have normalcy and get back to school, however, it's foolish to think very young adults will comply with all the requirements set before them. I hear it in my own daughter's group. Her friends who have no regard for safety because their parents have no regard. Make no mistake, JMU students, many who will be asymptomatic and some who will be super spreaders, will be spreading it further as these young adults come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas break. In this country we have the means to have an abundance of testing in the same way athletes have been provided however that was never a priority for the public at large. It is up to JMU, if it chooses to have on campus in person classes, to make safety and testing of ALL students a priority.

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Bring the kids back to campus! I think if you work on the dining situation and do something like Tech has done it would be a game changer. Also those classes that were in person and small should continue to be in person. The large classes should either be hybrid or online but these kids need to get back to school for their own mental health.

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1. To be eligible to return to on-site activities, all personnel must have a recent test. Suspend student accounts until they do the test. Consider requiring tests at intervals you deem appropriate. Again suspend accounts if not done. 2. Have adults walking through dorms and common areas to support non-party/social distancing restrictions. Big mistake first time was no active adult oversight. Thx.

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Please find a way to keep students in line at dining establishments spaced out. Also, it would be good to have established maximum capacity and not let people in until others leave. In Dukes Dining, for example, someone is counting up top, but people were entering through the bottom.

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Pick a direction, one! Either go all in and support keeping the campus open and functioning ... or ... send everyone home and do this year as a virtual campus.

Having students come and then sending them home and then inviting them back with the potential to send them home again ... etc. places unnecessary strain on all involved.

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So happy JMU has a plan to get them back on campus. The Freshman more than ever need to get back and involved the best way they can. A combination of in person and hybrid classes until we can move forward to all in person. If possible try to get more activities for freshman to get involved. Kids feel disconnect right now. We are glad rush is still going on even though it will be hard virtual. We do feel too many got exemptions to stay were made and is not fair to the ones that obeyed the rules. Thank you again JMU for listening and trying to get them back very important.

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For the students that were sent home off campus should have the choice to come back to the dorms if they choose to.

Classes that can be virtual should be online. Some classes divide up the class meetings where smaller groups in person time while others on line time.

Utilize outside space for dining hall seating under tents, and small group study sessions.

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There is a great deal of suspicion throughout the Commonwealth that the board of visitors will make this decision based on the financial impact to the university rather than based on the safety of the students and faculty. Please don't allow those rumors to be true.

Do not rush to reopen. It is difficult to imagine that students will be willing to change the behaviors that lead to this temporary shut down. Anecdotal evidence tells me that, during the campus closure, those students who have remained have continued to engage in behavior that will just exacerbate the situation. I would rather see my students finish the semester entirely online, rather than see her return to campus only to come back home and quarantine again a few weeks later when the numbers spike a second time.

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Dinning needs to be grab and go or assigned times, isolation dorms need to be cleaned in between

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students, trash picked up 2-3 x per week, **move to a hybrid schedule first** and see how the Covid metrics do, arrange outdoor activities for the students - they need air and exercise.

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Enforce the expectations! Re-train RAs to oversee their halls and take necessary steps to enforce the expectations and have a faculty resource to report to.

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**Testing must be easily accessible!!!** If kids have to beg for a test, they won't get one and if they want one every week, that should be allowed- no questions asked. **This would decrease the student's anxiety and makes campus safer.** Also, **testing the water** of the dorms seems pretty smart and a basic way of stopping the spread in the early stages of an outbreak.

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I would advise that JMU does not resume in-person learning and full campus operations for at least the rest of the fall semester. Considering JMU has the most cases out of all college towns nationally, it is looking extremely unsafe to put the **student body, faculty and staff** back into a threatening situation. As a student, I would feel uncomfortable resuming classes (especially considering the classes I did have to attend the first week were not socially distanced (i.e., desks were closer to 2 feet apart than 6 feet apart). Overall, I have gotten the impression that JMU does not have our best interest if classes were to resume in-person.

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JMU needs to take more responsibility for things they can control. **Over crowded classrooms that can't safely space students**, closing dining hall forcing **more students into less space at the ones open**, and not enforcing "only residents in their assigned dorm". I think most parents realize that teens and young adults will make poor decisions, but other big schools are making it work. JMU needs to grow a pair (pardon the phrase) and **enforce** what it pays lip-service to having in place. Don't let the irresponsible kids ruin it for the ones who are trying! And for goodness sake, uphold your end of the deal. No more over crowded classes! If you don't understand how math works (seats + spacing vs. # of students), ask a math professor!

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There has not been a significant reduction in the number local cases of COVID in the 18-15-year-old range; Instead, it has remained relatively steady (looking at locally and regionally reported case numbers, not the JMU dashboard). Clearly, many students have decided to remain in Harrisonburg during this period of remote instruction. Further, Harrisonburg continues to be a nationally recognized hotspot for COVID-19 outbreaks. Given students are still getting infected due to exposures in social settings, bringing them back onto campus in large numbers for in-person instruction poses a significant additional risk to the **faculty and front-line facing staff** for exposure to the virus. This is irresponsible to both the employees of the university and the broader community in which we live. Frankly, we are a national embarrassment right now and **any decision to bring our students back to in-person instruction only poses a risk to our credibility as an institution that prioritizes community safety and learning.**

Additionally, given the trends from the first week of the fall semester, it is unclear how the university intends to prevent a "repeat spike" if we return to in-person instruction. The BOV and executive leadership team need to try to empathize with the experience of the students and faculty who are directly impacted by such a decision and the potential for continued uncertainty that will be created. If there is another spike, will the university ask the students to yet again return home or go back to complete online instruction? Has the university's leadership considered the **detrimental impacts on student learning that are a result from constant uncertainty and switching of modalities mid-semester more than once?** If



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learning is truly the first priority of this institution, the only reasonable decision is to remain online to create consistency and stability for students and the faculty who are teaching them.

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Please ask for a negative COVID 19 test before they go back to school also mandatory masks for everyone, physical distance everywhere, only food to go with extended hours and NO PARTIES or gatherings at least this semester for the health and safety of the JMU community.

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The battle against Covid-19 is entering a new phase, and the choice for society is whether to live with the virus or to live for it. Protect our vulnerable but allow our kids to live and learn in person and on campus. Give options to those that need to remain home and online and bring the others back. Let isolation of non positive cases remain in their dorm room (with permission from roommate), many have already been exposed or exposed together anyway but it will protect staff and community spread. You're doing great under the circumstances now let the kids prevail.

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Thank you for providing this forum. I think testing before returning to campus should be strongly considered for all but those who have previously tested positive and are now recovered. It seems important to temporarily closing dining in. I've heard some schools have the ability to book a time and place an order to keep things moving smoothly. All the best.

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I feel that it is a great decision to have them back on campus because my son enjoyed it and felt that you guys were doing everything you could do to make people comfortable. My only concern is that some students have been calling campus police for large gatherings which are being unfound and taking time from the normal problems the police need to attend to.

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Returning to in person classes would be detrimental for our students. In my experience, I was unable to receive accommodations when I had covid-19, which was incredibly unfair.

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I don't feel safe returning to campus. Even if faculty and staff are actually going to start implementing proposed changes, that doesn't change the amount of space available in buildings. We can't social distance if there isn't room to social distance. Additionally, even if numbers have gone down in Harrisonburg right now, once students are living on-campus again, those numbers are going to shoot right back up. I'm begging you, please take the health and safety of your students into account first. I know you're hurting for money, but I know plenty of alumni who are ashamed of the actions being taken and who will be hesitant to donate going forward.

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Live classes should be resumed as much as possible but definitely for labs, music/band classes, and art/drama classes. Hybrid classes are also a good option so that students get at least some in person time. Keep online option for all classes so those that don't want to come back can stay at home, which will keep campus less crowded.

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Much stricter enforcement of off campus and on campus parties is needed with visible and serious consequences, as other colleges have done.

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Organize more quarantine space on campus so quarantined students don't have to travel home.

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Students in dorms should be allowed back, or at least allow those with exemptions to stay ( but the former is better). Students in dorms should not be forced away from Harrisonburg when most off campus students can stay.

Possible wastewater testing to narrow down cases in buildings or dorms.

More in-person organized activities in dorms by RA's or by clubs (socially distant) so new students can make friends.

If dining halls are a source of spread, consider alternative seating arrangements, plexiglass barriers on tables, etc.

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If JMu returns to campus I would really appreciate the option to stay online if we want to. I don't see how things will be any different this time around and I felt a lot of paranoia the first time around.

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Please continue diligent efforts to keep all students and staff masked. Also, please continue severe discipline response to any gatherings that do not adhere to safe COVID-19 guidelines. I would like to see better procedures in food service/dining.

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I see the both need and benefits for returning - however I am exhausted by those who will return and expect to enforce a quarantine culture and expectation that is only way to manage this. I do not agree the empowerment that is given to students and or parents and the anonymity to report other students perceived violations. Punishments were not specially outlined for each offense in initial agreement. 10 person limitation is ridiculous when you leave off campus with that many at times in the house esp when school sponsors events greater than that limit. Continue to provide online option as people who will return but want to live isolated and be upset when everyone chooses to live a little. As I understand the issue was with inability to contain the spread and not the severity of the illness in impacted students. Those with risk factors or risk factors at home - should stay home.

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I hope the BOV will seriously consider continuing with online teaching for the remainder of Fall 2020 (and perhaps beyond). From a public health perspective, it is the safest thing to do. Also, transitioning back to in-person/hybrid courses (only to perhaps have to transition back to fully online) is disruptive to the faculty and students. We are all adapting to online learning, please let us continue teaching students in this safe and effective manner.

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Yes

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I personally would prefer for it to stay online or give us that option. It isn't feasible for students to keep returning back home over and over again.

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I would like to strongly suggest you require a negative Covid test before allowing any students back to classrooms/campus life - both on campus and off campus should be required to provide the Health office with this ( must be within 5-7 days of return )  
That way everyone is starting with a clean slate and the school year has a chance of moving forward following all precautions.

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My freshman daughter brought Covid home to our local community in Upstate New York and it has caused a great deal of stress, job time loss, school impacted for her sister . I had her tested on Friday the 4th at Valley Urgent care because JMU could schedule because she was symptomatic. I picked her up wearing a mask, we were both masked for the entire 7 hour ride. She remained in isolation , used a separate bathrooms from the rest of the family .

I got tested on Tuesday the 8th and was negative - meanwhile we still hadn't received her results . We heard from her roommate that she tested positive so we were expecting the worst.

By Saturday the 12th I started have sinus congestion and by Monday loss of taste and smell. My daughter finally received her much delayed results that she was positive . So I went and got tested again. Turned up positive and sick. I now out of work for next two weeks , my other daughter can't return to school in person now til October , my husband is also in quarantine til September 30th. All of this could have been avoided if proper infection control and prevention strategies, prior testing and allowing our students to remain on campus to quarantine if needed.

Not a great start with JMU

We are very disappointed

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I live in MD and have seen the University of Maryland execute an effective plan to keep students and faculty safe. Each on-campus student has his/her own room. UMD is a large school; if they are able to do this, why couldn't JMU? One other area that could help JMU is to have social distancing protocols in place in ALL areas. The bottom dining area of D Hall was a free-for-all gathering of students. Students are generally are not adhering to social distancing while waiting in food lines here and in other dining areas.

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There needs to be better plans for on-campus students if they get sick. Additionally, there needs to be better enforcement and harsher punishments for students who break policy on and off campus. JMU has been to easy on students, other institutions have been more strict and they have results to show for it.

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I would like professors to give students the option to remain online for the rest of this semester. I would like JMU to allow freshman students that want to live home or off campus to do so this semester with online learning. My freshman was sent home therefore he dropped a class and got a part time job back home he's just getting used to things don't want to see it all upended. He prefers to come back in the spring. I'm also concerned if freshman goes back and there is a fall break or thanksgiving break they could bring virus back home

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This age of kids is not impacted by the covid virus! They are mild symptoms or no symptoms! Let the kids come back that want to come back. ! They need an education in person not online! Enough is enough! If you continue to do online classes the teachers need to be held accountable! Most are not teaching the class and leaving material for kids to figure out! Some are not even responsive! RIDICULOUS! Teachers they don't want to be there let them take leave and have teachers step in that want the job!!!!

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I support JMU plans for resuming in person learning and full on campus learning.

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Thank you for the work you are doing for the university. I would like JMU to make changes to the Dining Hall operations. From what I observed, social distancing was very difficult and not enforced during the first week of classes. Changes can be made, ex. limit the number of students allowed at one time, take out only, reservation for dining, enforcement of social distancing. Changes may require students to plan their meals more but it would provide a safer environment to dine. Also, I think it would be prudent for students

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to NOT return to campus after Thanksgiving. Classes and exams should all be online after the break. Thank you for soliciting our feedback.

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Relocate those students who sincerely want to stop the spread of the virus using an honor code of no parties, no going between dorms and not bringing any non resident into your dorm. We can do this!

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I realize that this is a very complicated decision, and I feel a lot of compassion for those of you working on the JMU-level response to this impossible situation.

I have many reasons why I believe we should not resume in-person learning and full campus operations, but I will focus on one aspect of the decision - money - that I think must be driving a lot of this decision-making:

I believe it will be a bad business decision in the medium- and long-term to resume full in-person operations in October. When the inevitable local outbreaks resume, and we react AGAIN, we will lose even MORE trust among our students, our alumni, and our donors, leading to fewer donations, less tuition paid, etc., next year and in the years to come.

On another note - in the "Cautious Optimism" letter from Pres. Alger, we were rightly reminded that "in any given day, the number of new positive cases is not a singularly determinant factor in our decision making." Let's not let ONE day with zero new cases drive long-term decisions. Also, let's remember that perhaps the reason the cases are trending down is because 2000+ students have re-located and classrooms are no longer serving as places to transmit disease. Undoing those changes will undo our progress in the local effects of this pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

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As a freshman parent, JMU alumni and community member of Harrisonburg I have been in many different conversations regarding Covid -19. I wish JMU would only report the health center covid numbers mainly because no other schools are reporting the self reported numbers and this has made comparisons between other schools seem very skewed. I also think that with the reporting on the Livesafe app seems quite questionable because I know that there is a lot of talk of people reporting others just because they don't like them or have a non covid issue with them. Where is the accountability for reporters? I hate that it has turned into this situation but truly think we need to be careful about believing unsubstantiated reports. I also think JMU needs to address the public relations with the local community. I regularly get comments about how I am supporting JMU and therefore I am part of the problem. I do believe the students need to come back to school and hybrid classes after September since the cases are slowing down and the hospitalization rate is so low. Thank you for your time and allowing my input.

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please keep us online. I don't feel safe going back

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Campus should be opened back up and in full swing of things. Online learning isn't all that it's cracked up to be.

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As an institution that prides itself on actively engaging with the community, we have to do better. Harrisonburg is now a hot spot for COVID-19 and one of the elementary schools closest to campus

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closed earlier this week because of case(s) among staff. Continuing to anchor thousands of college students physically to campus is negligent and seems so dismissive of everything HCPS, community organizations, businesses, and community members are doing to protect each other.

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I believe freshman should be allowed back into dorms and class resume in person or a combination of virtual/in person. Based only 3,000 students being sent home in a population of 20,000 i do not believe this is really making huge impact on the potential cases

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It is critical that James Madison University partners with the Harrisonburg Police Department to Garner the names of those students who are not abiding by the rules and regulations of parties. Those students must undergo a zero-tolerance policy and be removed from the rolls. It is Behavior Unbecoming of a James Madison University student. Only then will the JMU community and leaders be taken seriously. Zero tolerance!!

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It is too soon to reopen, but if you do, allow the students the option to remain with online instruction if they prefer.

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We are ready to go resume in person learning and full campus operations! Go Dukes!!

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The campus should be patrolled a lot more closely and gathering/distancing more enforced. I heard there was many parties in the village which didn't include distancing and/or masks. Also, I'd encourage less people to be in the cafeteria either by eating out or having timeslots. My son enjoyed his almost 2 weeks on campus and struggles being home. I'd like to see the students back on campus with more controls to allow them to continue to be independent from their homes as well as gain from being together (socially responsible). Thank you

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I would like to see the school resume in-person learning and full campus operations knowing that once again there will be a rise in cases and hopefully the school is better prepared to handle a surge. I love JMU and I am so happy that my daughter is at the school. I do think the school tried hard to prepare for what was to come but in the end it was apparent that the school was not prepared enough. Hopefully know there has been a trial run the school can hit the reset button, learn from what happened and be prepared to welcome kids back to campus

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Graduate programs should be considered separately. Graduate program cohorts are self-contained for the most part, and graduate students are generally responsible. They need in-person instruction.

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Please, please stay online for the remainder of the Fall 2020 semester and give faculty the ability to choose (not apply) to deliver their courses online in Spring 2021.

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Consider postponing if the cases are still in the hundreds come October 4th.

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I think JMU should not resume in person learning except for higher level major classes, that students a certain area or software or equipment they need to use. Majors like, nursing, Costume design, set design, SMAD student who don't have the same access to software, possibly some engineering classes that need a workshop. Otherwise, there isn't really going to be a full stop because there are still students that

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will disobey and ruin everything for the rest of us.

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Please find a way to allow students back into the dorms if they want to return.

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Please re-examine the policy for encouraging and allowing anonymous reporting of individuals. This policy, while I'm sure was well intended, created a culture of distrust and encouraged individuals to not communicate with one another - relying instead on being shielded from identifying and addressing a concern directly with a peer.

My child was encouraged to wear a mask, while only with her roommate, if they were outside and only in each other's company, so that they would not be brought up on disciplinary charges. This should not be occurring! Students who are living together - whether sharing the same dorm room or off campus living arrangement - should not have this worry!

There are too many other issues that these students are facing in the current COVID-19 focus climate for them to be faced with being penalized for breathing in fresh air!

In addition to this, please re-consider the policy for not requiring authentication of self reported positive cases. It baffles me that proof of positive tests are not required/mandated before claims of positive cases are reported to the public at large.

In the workforce, which we are preparing these students to enter, employees and management must provide proof of a positive test before they can be 'excused' for a COVID related illness. This should be the case with the JMU community - faculty, staff, and students - as well. Let's face it, if someone is hesitant to returning to the classroom (be it a Professor or student) it would be very simple for them to report a positive test as a deterrent for having to resume in person learning knowing that 'proof' was not required.

Just a thought from someone who works in healthcare!

Thank you for your consideration of my suggestions.

Anita

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As an alumna and current employee for 25+ years, I fully support bringing students back to campus for a hybrid of in-person and online learning. The VDH data for Harrisonburg showed that bringing students back caused a spike, but it also shows that the spike had essentially no negative impact on locals, as hospitalizations and deaths remained flat. Also, the low number of cases in faculty and staff show that mask-wearing and social distancing work. I feel safe working on campus.

That said, some classrooms are too crowded - with students only 3 feet apart. Also, there needs to be some policing to manage long lines and crowds at popular dining spots. Panda Express crowds were a disaster.

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JMU is for us as much about experience as it is academics. My daughter decided to attend JMU for this reason. First of all, I appreciate everything that JMU is doing to bring students back to campus. I do think there is an unrealistic approach to punishing students who are not following procedures as far as COVID. The highest office of government, held a rally for over 50 people and people did not wear a mask. It is an extremely confusing message to send teenagers who believe in the office of the President of the United States. In addition, the students are now likely to not "self report" based on the actions of the university the first time.

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My thoughts are to give students warnings first about the violations of the COVID procedures. Students should be allowed in dorm rooms of other students as long as they wear a mask to give students more of the "college" experience. They dine together, study together and share a bathroom. COVID is not just being spread through partying, it's like living in a nursing home--close quarters. In addition, there needs to be a bigger push to help freshman feel connected in this virtual/COVID environment. I never felt nor did my daughter feel that there was much effort on the part of the university to help them get orientated. THEY ABSOLUTELY DID HAVE the experience that they deserved.

Student "take out" should always be an option for students who are not comfortable with dining in options. There should also be dining outside and food trucks close by for dining outside and allowing students to hang outside together on nice days. I really believe that more of a balance is needed for students and that would foster more compliance.

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For the kids that have already had Covid (with test results and cleared from quarantine period) that they do not put them back in quarantine if a case is trace contacted back to them because they have immunity.

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I think classes should remain all online but students should be permitted to return to dorms. Thank you.

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Please make staying completely online an option for student afraid to come back this semester. With the cold/flu season approaching I think the addition of COVID will be a very big problem. Something also should be done about the dining hall issue (spacing out students & table cleaning). My student also says that the hand sanitizer dispensers around campus & on buses were always empty. Perhaps keep a closer eye on dorm parties. Apparently Jennings' freshman floors had quite a few.

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As JMU attempts to mitigate the financial impact of COVID, we as an institution must act equitably when considering budget cuts, pay cuts, and furloughs. Non-essential travel (including that of the BOV) should be one of the first expenses cut before personnel. Professional development funds not tied to compliance or accreditation should be temporarily cut. A tiered system starting with the most generously paid is important to shield those that are not paid nearly enough. If the pay of folks making under \$50k still has to be impacted, giving furloughs so they at least have time off (while maintaining all benefits) is a much better approach. Before allowing it to come to that, even giving others the option to take a larger pay cut or something of the sort could go a long way.

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I now believe all students should have to have a negative Covid test before returning to school on and off campus students. I did not initially feel this way but seems that the other schools that did test everyone have been better able to control the covid spread.

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TESTING. Above all other measures, I believe the universities doing the best to control the spread are doing it through ongoing testing protocols and other detection methods, such as

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waste water testing. And the test processing must be timely or it's useless. Schools able to process in their own labs have a clear advantage. Rapid tests have high reliability for positive results. Use those for more mass/frequent screening.

The health center must operate 7 days a week with telemedicine available when they're closed. Maybe this doesn't need to be BAU during normal times, but during a pandemic, it should be table stakes.

Dining halls are a big attraction for the school but they must be de-densified as inconvenient as that will be. More grab and go options, more outdoor spaces to take food to eat (heat lamps as colder weather comes).

Increased enforcement of large group gatherings - on and off campus. Unfortunately some students may need to see this happening as a deterrent.

Is there any connection to LiveSafe responses and public space access? That is, if a student answers that they have symptoms, they don't need to show an approved status on their app prior to entering a dining hall or a lecture hall. Why? I would like to count on everyone to do the right thing, but unfortunately that is Pollyanna thinking. Even random sampling may help.

12 people sharing a restroom in a dorm seems unworkable. Seems a likely suspect for a spreading event. I don't know how to solve. Ask all to wipe down all surfaces with disinfectant wipes after every use? Hire attendants to disinfect multiple times a day? If you de-densify dorms now (separating roommates) you'll create chaos.

While some of these suggestions are costly, I urge you to do what it takes to keep our kids and your faculty/staff safe.

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In person learning is the way to go!

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If you bring the students back, please consider the following first:

1. Changing the academic calendar to go straight through until Thanksgiving. When the kids go home on break, the students should quarantine 2 weeks to prevent spreads to their communities (I know some parents/students won't but I know we have to due to health factors in the family and having an essential worker so we are more cautious than most). The students cannot that do with just one week at Thanksgiving (so please let them stay on campus and keep the campus open) and with finals not scheduled to end until Dec. 18th, most would have to quarantine through the holidays and New Years. That would be mentally hard on these kids after such a stressful year. You may want to look at the spring schedule timing as well as there may only be one week out of quarantine - if the schedule doesn't change - before they come back in January.



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2. This back and forth has been extremely hard on the students. My daughter loves JMU and now that she is home, and back in a safer pod, she has realized how stressful being on campus for that brief time was. She is very cautious as she really does not want to get this virus and hates being sick in a typical year. She was excited to come back in August, even knowing things would be different, but this time is dreading it after her experience in August. Not knowing if it will last or if she will be back in quarantine again in a few weeks - either at home or at school. Not knowing if any person/friend she encounters or eats with or even if one of her 3 other roommates have the virus from their encounters/decisions. She could end up back in quarantine at the school. I read a story where one Duke ended up in quarantine because she gave another desperate Duke a ride in her car - something any Duke would do! But this virus makes these students have to think about every action they make in a very different way. That one decision to give a fellow student a ride leads to her quarantine, plus possibly exposing her roommates, plus anyone they had contact with. Students could be in quarantine several times over the semester technically. Very socially isolating! And it brings up the problem with how to handle in-person classes when you are in quarantine (#5) possibly a couple of times in a semester.

Also, like many others, we are out of state. Thankfully our Duke could drive herself home but I know many of the other parents who got exposed by their Duke who tested positive after their drive home from school when they got sent home from school. Freshman parents have to take time off of work or fit the drive into the weekend to get their students back.

3. JMU needs to have more safety measure in place and changed before the students return to the school and in-person classes resume. I know they are working on more quarantine beds and thank you for the to-go option at the dining halls but that is not enough for parents to feel safe sending their kids back. If there is another surge with the return or even during the semester, there needs to be more tests available. I read about parents not being able to get their kids tested at several facilities or having to wait hours in urgent care parking lots due to so much testing happening before all of the students were all sent home. The drive thru/pop up testing was offered almost a little too late. Also, will JMU start testing wastewater and testing those in the dorm when covid is detected? That seems to be helping in some universities catch cases before they get out of hand. I have also read where sewer gasses from the drains in students bathrooms can aerosolize the virus causing spread. Not many studies have been done about spread through the dorms this way but it could be a reason for quick spread through the dorms, especially if the student isn't sure how they got it. It would also be helpful (yet also a bit alarming) if the students knew which dorms there were clusters. Maybe some would be a little more cautious if they knew there was a cluster happening in their dorm building? You don't have to give out student info or even which floor, etc. but just knowing there is an outbreak in their building may help the students be a bit more cautious as they are moving around. There also seems to be some discrepancy about cases in the dashboards. Yesterday the university reported no cases - which is great! However, VDH reported 85 cases in the 22807 Harrisonburg/JMU zip code - so the virus is either spreading in the community or possibly the off campus students not self-reporting? Either way, JMU has to look at the community numbers as well as the university numbers in making decisions.

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4. Also, is JMU ready to encounter flu season AND Covid? I have watched parents the past few years be upset with the lack of availability to the health center on a typical flu season, not to mention the fall allergies that are a yearly thing there and the typical freshman dorm ""bugs"", will the health center be able to handle it ALL this year?

5. Many parents on the online boards were complaining when their sick students couldn't go to class at the start of the year. A few had contacted the professor and were told there wasn't an online option for that class. There needs to be a set way that students can get info from the classes if JMU goes back to in-person so sick students have more incentive to stay in their rooms and not try to go to class. The professors should have gone into this semester knowing students would be quarantining/isolating at various times and this would be an issue throughout the entire semester. Plans should have been in place for getting notes, taking tests, etc. in every class. With the classes all being online, it solved that portion of the problem. (Well, except I have now read some teachers aren't teaching because they don't ""do online"" but that is another problem the university should address.) JMU should have had these types of issues sorted out well before the students even came back in August. Recording the lectures/classes for those who don't feel it is a safe environment when the classes return in-person should be made available.

6. This virus is like playing Russian roulette. Most cases at the college age are mild. However, some are not and some will have lasting long term effects that could last months or even a lifetime. And a few will not be fortunate to make it through this virus - they could even have underlying conditions they may not even know about. At least give the kids an option if they want to return. In August we felt we had no choice because half of her classes were in person. She was excited to get back but nervous knowing things would not be the same as before. People say we can withdraw but that is not really what our Duke wants. But if they don't feel safe returning to school- unless some big changes have been put into place by JMU - then I don't feel they should have to be forced to return or worse withdraw and set them back. If classes continue to be online, then those who want to stay home can. Maybe allow those who want to return to their room/dorm to return. That may help with the density issues as I feel that those who really wanted to stay found an exception. Although none of us would have thought the return to school would be this hard when all of this started back in March.

Thank you for ""listening"" to my thoughts.

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I would very much prefer the university stay online through the remainder of the semester. To ask the students back will likely result in a repeat of what happened earlier this semester, causing many students to spend money to show up only to leave again shortly thereafter. This is such an unstable time, I recommend giving the students stability by letting them plan the rest of the semester without drastic change. I would especially recommend this course of action in light of the national exposure of JMU as sending home "super spreaders" of the virus. We need to show our students and the country that we are taking this seriously.

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go fully online for the rest of the semester. COVID cases have dropped like a rock since jmu sent on campus students home. We need to keep the spread low and keep students at home.

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I would like to attempt in-person learning if there is complete confidence we will be able to continue for the long-run. It's hard transitioning in-person to hybrid to online or a combination of all them together.

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Since there is a lower enrollment than normal due to this, move some of the freshman out of Eagle into some nicer dorms.

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Freshman need to be back on campus. Make sure social distancing is enforced and if not make it be repercussions.

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How can we address the following: issues: Low volume of isolation rooms as a % of the student body and issues providing for the needs of students in isolation (timely meal delivery and access to delivery of any needed over the counter medicine). Can the dining halls allow grab and go? My student felt the only economical use of the meal plan and best options for her as a vegetarian were in E hall and Dhall. She would have been happier to fill a to go box then sit unmasked in a poorly social distanced seating area with other students constantly passing between to get food or deposit dishes/trash.

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My time on campus was very enlightening to me. I did not feel safe. The dining halls were crowded. I saw many people without masks on campus. There were constant parties. The visitors in dorm policy was not enforced well enough as my suite mates brought in many people from other dorms. Campus should not reopen unless there is stricter enforcements of COVID policies, there are more isolation dorms, testing on campus, all classes should be accessible online, and less people in the dorms. The dining halls should offer take out and should have a smaller capacity.

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I would like to see a plan in place like other university's to suspend kids that are not following the rules that are in place. So many kids left campus and other's have stayed posting pictures of them partying. Zero tolerance should be allowed during a pandemic. Majority of kids want to be back on campus to learn. The virtual learning is not the best when some professors are not giving specific directions and when emailed they don't reply.

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First and foremost, thank you to JMU admins/everyone who is doing their best with developing safety plans. Dining halls: have someone at every dining hall with a counter, counting # of people in the hall; clearly labeled 6 feet apart markings on the floor; monitors walking around ensuring tables have no more than 6 to a table and tape off or remove excess tables/chairs to allow for 6 feet apart; masks required unless eating/seated. Offer more grab and go. Classroom buildings: masks/desks 6 feet apart. More quarantine beds....possibly utilize Hotel Madison or other local hotels; possibly make testing mandatory or random testing. So many colleges/universities are making this work. I know JMU can too!!!

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As a parent who's child contracted covid on-campus the first week, I have to ask why in the world you would want the students to further the spread?

Based on my experiences from campus I felt it is unsafe to return to campus. The dining halls were too crowded for a place where people needed masks off to eat, the seats in my classes were not six feet apart, and my dorm was crowded and full of visitors who should not have been there. The COVID regulations were not enforced enough. I believe it is not safe for campus to reopen

Keep us all online! We've made it on tons of news websites and shows for our number of cases and how we've handle it. You can't keep us bring us back and sending us home so students infect others. This way, we have a better chance on coming back in the spring.

Education is the core JMU's mission, so students and faculty should be the top priority. Threatening faculty in their job security/ salary has already created a very negative atmosphere. If needed, JMU must borrow money to keep these two bodies functional without any threats. We are more vital than building new stadiums for which we borrows a lot of money. The President should assure students and faculty (not just one body ) that they are being taking care of. Threats to faculty jobs / salaries will immediately affect the students and their learning experience. Let's not save few bucks now, and ruin our reputation for a long time to come. We will expand sooner or later, we will then need to hire new faculty and recruit new future students ... Let's not shoot ourselves in the foot and scare future candidates from ever wanting to join us.

I think online is the way to go, but if in person classes resume their needs to be sanitation cleaning, masks, social distancing, washing hands, air filtration, zero tolerance for parties, gatherings should be minimal and JMU police could step up observation.

please consider eliminating fall break and going home at Thanksgiving to return for 2nd semester.

Please stay online, it would not be fair to parents or students on campus to have pick everything up and move in again just to have them move back out 2 weeks later. It is not worth it.

JMU should not reopen campus. This decision is way past the guidance of CDC and lead government officials such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, our current lead infectious disease expert, who specifically said our response of sending students home is the worse decision to do. Sending us back to campus would only have the same outcome of sending us back home, causing us to not follow the guidance of cdc, which is what every organization must do to remain open, and the guidance of lead doctors who have studied such diseases and responses as a profession and a study. The JMU "bubble" has been popped; no one knows who has what. Bringing us back to campus will just lead to another spike in the statistics and another bad rep for JMU and what we stand for. If JMU really wants to continue to be the school they strive to be, they should do what

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is right not just for the school, but for the community around them that have no option as they live there, unlike students who choose to go there.

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If the school is not holding kids responsible for not following the rules, then they need to be addressed. My daughter is one who was granted exemption and decided to leave due to kids partying and not following the rules even more during that week of departure. Dining rooms should be closed and kids need to grab and go for food and find places outside or at dorms..not sure if food is allowed in classrooms. Microwaves should also be allowed in dorms or suites as this will eliminate overcrowding at the dining halls and kids aren't sharing the same microwave (germs of all kinds) with everyone else in the halls.

Professors need to step up their game..my daughter has called her HS teachers, because the professors aren't ""teaching the class"" They are throwing up a video or just reading from a book, but not teaching, one professor actually told my daughter's class how to find the answers on the web to all his problems, but never actually showed her how to do the math to get the correct answer. This is unacceptable. I understand it is much harder to teach online and maybe they don't care if the kid passes or not, but honestly, the student and parents do.

Off campus students need to be limited when on campus to certain buildings. Schools across the country are banning off campus kids from any buildings except classrooms and their cases are extremely low or have none. I understand the size of the school matters, but large schools are also doing it.

If a student advises of a party or such infraction on campus to an RA or other party, there should be no backlash from the other kids, again accountability is key in all of this.

I truly hope these students that left are allowed back on campus, my child misses her roommates , is struggling with classes, but refuses to defer or withdraw. We all knew this year would be very different from the normal freshman year but at least have them on campus, even if it is still in hybrid fashion.

Thank you

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Like so many colleges are doing now -having students at school for in person / hybrid classes then skipping fall break and sending them home at Thanksgiving (and staying home to complete final exams). Will JMU consider this as well? Helps with students going back and forth to different states and returning to campus with potentially spreading virus again.

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- I would like there to be more spaces for people to quarantine because the amount bed space allocated was way to small.
  - For the time being more outdoor seating on festival lawn
  - more places being open after 3. Places being open on weekends.
  - Bus drivers actually enforcing 18 people

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- having more than a fine for being caught partying in dorms
- Harrisonburg police being on the same page with how large gatherings can be. It's nonsense that off campus can have a 49 person gathering with no repercussions
- making some form of online ordering system dukes dining/first floor dhall

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There is a real concern about Halloween weekend and parties!

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Not a good idea. Returning will only make the situation worse. Students are bought into stopping the spread and will still gather in large groups and party. Staying at home for distanced learning is the best call. Students should also receive a refund of room and board and dining that were taken while we were sent home.

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I think that you should give students the option to opt for online only learning. Some students mental health have been severely impacted while they had to return home and sit inside of their room for two weeks and to send us back with the possibility of it being the same way, no student wants that.

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I believe our successful reduction of cases is due to our transition to a mostly online format. While I would very much prefer a situation in which I could attend classes and events on campus normally, this is not the time to attempt such a thing. In order to maintain an on campus environment, the experience we all want would be entirely gone, and our class time, as well as personal time, would need to be bare minimum for the sake of safety.

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Simply continuing classes online ensures the safety of students, faculty, and the community of Harrisonburg. We all want to enjoy college, but this pandemic is more important than the guise of a fun college semester. We should not return.

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Personally, I want nothing more than to be back on campus. One suggestion I have is to change dining hall policies. At prime eating times, dining halls can get as crowded as a large party, which is against stop the spread guidelines. I think the tables are spaced out well and the staff is good about telling students not to sit at marked tables. The main problem I have noticed is the lines for food. Specifically at D-Hall and Festival. The marked spots on the floor are a good start but when it is super busy, there aren't enough spots for everyone that is in line. Also, a lot of students don't pay attention to the spots on the floor. I think that because of this, more spots should be added and there should be more regulation for dining halls.

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All students should be tested BEFORE returning to campus and also should be quarantined for 2 weeks as well before coming back. There should be serious consequences for those students who violate the Covid safe agreement including expulsion! No second chances! Students need to know that JMU is not messing around. It's not fair to those who are doing the right thing to have their full college experience taken from them.

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Put in places heavier consequences for those found partying.

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I would like to see mandatory testing of all on-campus students upon/before return and before re-opening campus. This includes students currently on campus with exemptions. I would like to see a follow-up test performed within a week of the initial test.

I would like to see the dining halls converted to grab and go (maybe everyone given or allowed to use a reusable container for food from D-Hall or E-Hall) with more tented outside seating (like we are seeing in restaurant parking lots all over NoVa), and no indoor seating. This virus spreads easily indoors, and doesn't differentiate between people unmasked at an indoor party, and people unmasked at an indoor eating establishment. I am really uncomfortable with the crowded, hour-long wait to get food. Possible solutions could include expanding dining hours, or designating a few people that the student authorizes to pick food up for them (so one friend waits in line with their JACard while the others wait outside).

I would like to see in-person classes be recorded, and those who do not feel safe attending be given the option to attend virtually, in either synchronous or asynchronous sessions. I realize that this may not be possible for some classes, such as labs, art classes, etc., but should be allowed for those that can be virtual

I would like to see additional isolation/quarantine beds.

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Steer the course and lead. We are all in this together. The kids need socialization and a campus environment the best it can be. Keep up with what you're doing. We are appreciative, college kids will be college kids and there will be hiccups. Wish there wasn't social media for the haters to hate. Haha Go Dukes

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I would like to see increased testing at the University Health Center which would include a larger number of tests available to the students as well as the availability to test on weekends. I think that getting an accurate count of the number of students who test positive rather than making them go off campus to get tested would be more accurate to see the overall impact of Covid on the student population.

I would like to see dining traffic at the dining halls and retail locations decreased so that long lines and overcrowding can be avoided. I appreciate the addition of grab and go meals from the dining halls.

I have heard that there is still partying on campus which includes masked gatherings of more than 10 students. This needs to be more carefully monitored. I also believe that the university needs to increase the number of isolation and quarantine beds available so that they can keep students safe without having to shut the school down again.

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I feel at this point that the university needs to make the decision to have on campus instruction end at Thanksgiving break so that students remain home for the rest of the semester. Classes after Thanksgiving would all be virtual and exams would be taken remotely. I believe that bringing students back after Thanksgiving would not be a good decision for maintains the health of the student population.

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Overlooked adding of quarantine beds so positive and quarantined students won't be housed with healthy students (especially those with community baths).

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Monitor the number of students in the dining halls. Enforce the rules you have in place. If no one is allowed in the dorm except those that live in that dorm, have only one door available for entry and exit and possibly someone monitoring. If gatherings in dorms of more than 10 occur, RAs need to disburse them.

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Graduate students are much more equipped to attend in-person classes than are undergraduates. Our learning of the curriculum is way to important for our futures and the futures of the people we will work with to be left up to chance with online learning. As a graduate student, we are much more responsible than undergraduates are to socially distance and not attend parties. Because of these reasons, I believe graduate students should be allowed back on campus for in-person classes even if undergraduates are not allowed back.

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JMU should enforce the rules that we ask students to agree to. Dining hall and other food areas, any JMU-sponsored events -- we need to set an example in all these things and really following through! JMU prides itself on being nice, which is great, but this is a pandemic. Students are smart -- if we're clear that we're taking this seriously, and if we constantly hammer on the message that we're doing the masks and social distancing all the time for each other's safety, that message will get through. People can learn new habits. Also, all upper level administrators & athletic leadership should take pay cuts to help with the budgetary difficulties.

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The ethical decision is to stay online through summer 2021. There is no vaccine and the CDC is now saying it will likely be summer 2021 until there is one. Our students have demonstrated that even careful co-mingling can result in exponential infection. Lives are at stake. Let's be innovators and find a new model of running a state university that can adapt and inspire while delivering quality education from a distance.

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My freshman Duke had a great first 2 weeks and can't wait to get back in campus. Requiring testing (including rapid testing) and quarantining if needed prior to arrival. No on campus dining (inside dining facilities) for off campus students and heavy usage of order or grab and go options.

Clear communication from professors if they are transitioning to hybrid options and what expectations are for the students. I would like to have posted information about how JMU manages care for sick, quarantined kids. There has been student and parent concern (voiced



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from kids in quarantine) regarding a lack of consistent and sufficient food delivery and lack of process for receiving items they may need. Who routinely checks in to make sure they are well enough to care for themselves in isolation? Lastly, continue to encourage all the previously implemented protective efforts.

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I would like to see kids return to campus!

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I think we should resume in person teaching to provide the best educational opportunities to the students.

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Keep big lectures ONLINE. Make the limit for a table at dining halls 6 not 8. It's hypocritical for the school to only allow groups of 4 to hang out with masks but will allow groups of 8 to eat without masks. More leadership too and weekly mandatory RA zoom meetings would be good to get updated on new policy. Also, actual temperature checks are needed as I know kids lie on live safe.

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I would like to see freshman return so they can experience some sort of campus life. They are the ones most impacted by this since they primarily live on campus. Its not as difficult for the off campus students. Dining halls need to be to go only or offer a reservation system (no more than 4 eat together). Dining halls should only be available for students living on campus. Off campus students should primarily have classes online unless their major requires in person classes. The classes with 100+ students should remain online. There is no reason to group that many students together. Campus police and Harrisonburg police need to work together and limit large gatherings. My daughter personally witnessed a campus police officer watch a large group of drunk girls all together with no masks on outside of the dining hall. He did nothing about it nor attempted to break it up. Students need to be held accountable for their actions. They should be suspended for not completing the daily check in form or if they are caught in large social gatherings. Lastly, I would say JMU needs to have a proactive approach to covid testing. All students living on campus must have a negative test prior to returning to campus. I would suggest having this done with the students that have remained on campus and received the exemption as well. This doesn't have to be paid by JMU, put it in the parents hands to pay for the test. If the test is not done, then they don't return.

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Zero tolerance means zero tolerance for kids breaking rules--would much rather see some of the kids (those who choose to break the rules) get sent home rather than all of the kids. Thanks for all you are doing during this difficult time!

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It would be great! But we won't last through Halloweekend.

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You are putting everyone's lives at risk if you decide to go back to in-person learning. We should remain online only for the entire fall semester despite what tuition money the school might lose. This shouldn't even be a question.

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Am in favor of students being on campus. Hopefully a mix of hybrid and remote classes. Grab/go options for dining.

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Just remember there may be an increase of cases with freshman coming back to school after having been in multiple states. Pls do not open to shut down, be prepared to allow same process that already happened to happen again. I agree 100% in opening school and resuming all activities.

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JMU emptied the campus and is now claiming victory.

If the university does not perform re-entry testing, surveillance testing, and active contact tracing, the spike in cases will only return with students' return.

Get some outside expert opinion. The CDC guidelines are flawed. Compare JMU experience to other VA universities.

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JMU parent

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Mandatory mask wearing -all the time in the dorm suites- enforced by housing RA and housing directors- this was seriously lacking at the start of the semester

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Require testing for all students returning to campus.

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I'd like everyone to have a choice. Open back up for those who want to be back on campus. Do big classes online and smaller ones give the option for in person or online. This way everyone has a choice and if you get sick and have to quarantine you can still virtually attend class. I would also like to see random testing. I think this would be an added deterrent to being in large groups. It's not a punishment if you have it because you can get it anywhere but if you know you may be tested it might contain actions. I also think that compliance with the health screening needs to be monitored closely. I do wonder about the kids who have recovered and if they will drive some non compliance so something to reinforce to them that they have to follow the rules. Finally create small gathering options for students. We can't strip all the social out of their experience. Let them reserve a basketball court outside or a lounge so they can be social. Create small meetups for them to go on hikes, or go get pizza - give the on campus kids some safe ways to interact and get to know people. More work for the university but maybe require the clubs to create so many meet ups a week, and the dorms to do the same. These freshman haven't had a chance to meet anyone so I would really focus on creating a new experience for them.

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Please bring our kids back to campus!!

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get kids face to face with professors as often as possible.

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Get kids socializing they need some SEL

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I think being on campus is important. Meals should be provided to go as much as possible. And more quarantine and isolation beds should be acquired using local hotels.

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The COVID cases seem to be doing so much better with the campus cleared out. Please let's not go backwards. I think it is a huge mistake to send students home over fall break and again at Thanksgiving. The risk to families are huge for these short periods of time and then huge for the roommates upon returning. The risks need to be reduced and the semester ending at Thanksgiving achieves that goal.

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Open! Take precautions, offer virtual for those who are opposed to in person but don't restrict healthy kids from having the benefit of in person classes.

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I feel that these students have endured both physical and emotional stress dealing with COVID, moving out, figuring out how to live if staying on campus. There has been very little consistency on the on-line platform and my child has spent more time trying to figure out what to do, as opposed to doing what is required in the class. I truly feel that there should be considerable thought to move to a PASS/FAIL system for classes not required for their major. I also would suggest to eliminate all breaks and send the kids home for Thanksgiving and finish up their final exams on-line. The college should also stop these sporting events that are bringing massive crowds on campus and potentially increasing the cases of the virus. If our students can not be on campus, why are people that do not even attend the college allowed. Overall, with the amount of money that we have spent to send our daughter to JMU, I am highly disappointed with how the college is handling this issue.

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I would like to recommend JMU consider incorporating meal reservations for the 2 major dining halls. This has been done by George Mason University to reduce the amount of students in the cafeterias, the long waits to get inside and get food, as well as the time to find a table. This may be a major undertaking and most students may not like it, but it will definitely cut down on the crowds and keep our young adults safe. Thank you!

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Those things cannot happen soon enough.

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Impact if student is not comfortable returning to campus for the remainder of the Fall semester. Process for returning to campus in the spring

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Please give students the option to continue a full schedule of online classes if they are uncomfortable returning to overcrowded classrooms but would like to return to live in the dorms to have somewhat of a "normal" college experience. Campus life is important beyond the classroom. Thank you!

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I would like to see JMU give the option to students if they would like to continue online instruction versus going back to face to face instruction. Some students may be concerned about going back face-to-face and would like to continue online and this would open up more room for the students who prefer face-to-face instruction.

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I would like to see JMU open their campus back up for students. The rate is going down and students should be on campus. Many of these students are freshman and they need to be at JMU to experience college life, develop relationships, and have an opportunity to grow and become independent.

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(1) Students learn from example, so it's imperative that university sponsored events and activities actually model the university's social distancing and masking protocols. (2) New behaviors need to be taught and reinforced; posting a sign is not sufficient. (3) Accountability and follow through are important. Some students have six strikes for dorm parties and no repercussions. When this happens, the parties get bigger and bigger and the other students sharing the suite who are not participating in the parties are put in danger.

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I would love to see JMU return to in-person learning and full campus operations. As research shows, this age group is at less risk for the virus and most have mild symptoms. I believe our students need in person learning and the interaction that comes along with being face to face. This virus isn't going away and we have to understand this is our new normal at this time. Thank you for your time and dedication to JMU.

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Everyone has to move forward. Please open in full but consider healthier on the go dining options

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Testing before going back and random testing must be done. Rules and fines for breaking rules must be reinforced. Number of kids in dorm rooms and the kids parting off campus.. need consequences. Busses less crowded.

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Covid testing to come back and random testing, fines for large parties and gatherings, busses less crowded. More outdoor activities

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1 Wear masks. 2. Social distancing. 3 wash hands. 4. JMU - consider the community impact of your decisions.

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Wear masks and practice social distancing. Impose severe penalties on individuals for ignoring these rules repeatedly.

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Please don't do this. Unless you have the capacity to test everyone before they return to campus, to test non-symptomatic people, to do regular mass testing, to keep people who have been exposed from entering public campus buildings, to ensure that students don't eat mask-less indoors, to ensure students have at least six feet between them in classes, and to quarantine large numbers of people safely, then don't do this.

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While being smart about it, the university has to allow for recreational and social activities. People in general need social connections and the restrictions are too great. Families, adults have more social interactions with friends and others than these kids are allowed. I cannot understand why outdoor club and intramural are not allowed, even to condition or practice or something. Virtual is not a substitute for face to face interaction. I understand why you are policing but it is over the top with the fear of expulsion or suspension. Kids just having a beer on their decks with less than 10 kids, even with their own roommates are being cited for noise disturbances. If you make the restrictions so great, you will lose kids next semester because they have more social connections at home and these are needed for mental

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health. Also I hope next semester u reconsider these two cleanings. I have been working since June in a public bldg, and we do not wipe everything down all day and no one has gotten sick.. These late classes make it hard to study or offer any social engagement opportunities. I'll take the one cleaning but two is ridiculous. I have not heard of not one other university doing this. Having small gaps of time to study in between 5 classes is not good for studying, Having time to eat or relax, or do anything. No one wants their day at work to end at 7 8 or 9 at night and then have more work to do.

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Any plan you implement that involves returning students to campus needs to be robust enough to last through thanksgiving without sending the kids home again. The emotional roller coaster is too much. If you don't think this is possible then stay as is. Also, address to over crowding in the dining halls.

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If we are able to control the spread with our current situation (having online classes, a majority of people who used to live on campus are home) why are we trying to push the envelope? What we have now is safe and working well. This isn't about seeing how far we can go until things get bad again. Nothing has changed since last month. There is no vaccine, so we will just go back to the exact same situation as we were in for the start of classes, which put many students in danger and clearly did not stop the spread at all.

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I do not believe it is safe to resume in person classes at this time.

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don't open campus in October. It's definitely not enough time

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JMU has many off campus students. I am a Harrisonburg resident and concerned for our community if JMU resumes in person classes.

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Expanded Health Center Hours, testing EVERYONE who comes on campus, dining hall reservations on Yelp and NO EXCEPTIONS when students are found breaking the Covid agreement. They need to be asked to leave. Give RAs the support to stop the dorm parties and report those students. Even if students are outdoors, they must mask up. None of what you did coming back in August was effective and even the students who aren't the ones out breaking the rules were smart enough to know that.

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Since JMU is asking for students to not eat out at restaurants while staying home, shouldn't students have the option to take out food from the dining halls like other colleges? Do you guys have any plans for changing dining hall policies?

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I think they should go back- if you need more quarantine space, look into reserving part of a hotel like other colleges have done - there's always going to be an outbreak when you group them together but sending them back home and then bringing them back probably wasn't the best idea but what's done is done and kids need to be in school

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Testing of septic in dorms has worked for other schools. Also 10% random weekly student testing should be planned. It sounds like a lot I know, but other schools doing it have controlled things well.

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Really wanting my Freshman to return to campus, then have the students leave at Thanksgiving break to finish out the semester at home.

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My daughter is ready to return. I feel all students should start/continue to make good, mature choices when on campus.

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I want all classes to resume in person , or a least hybrid. Bring all Students back to campus !!!!!!!!

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Please resume in-person learning! My Duke is already on probation for last Spring. PLEASE!!

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Don't re-open. It's unsafe and terrifying. Don't do it.

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Please let the kids come back to school!

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It would be ludicrous to open again. Stay closed.

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Let students return and limit dining halls to on campus students and carry out for off campus! Please let them return 🙏📦❤️

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Bring in adjunct voices to the covid taskforce on campus. Also, look at the numbers—it isn't safe to push to open.

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I would not like to resume in-person classes and would rather stay using online classes.

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Let them come back please.

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Please let them return

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I really hope the kids can all come back. They belong at school. Maybe all the students that have gone home can be tested at school the day they return. Hunker down until results come in. This age group is not one that is hit hard by this virus

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I hope you can fix the crowding issues at dining halls and encourage and plan activities and classes that can be either online or appropriately socially distanced. Also, if parties or other gatherings that do not follow guidelines are held on campus or off, students must be held accountable. That pledge they signed must mean something. I am comfortable sending my son back, but mainly because I know he is responsible and follows all guidelines. I wish more students realized the importance of doing this.

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Keep big lectures ONLINE. Make the limit for a table at dining halls 6 not 8. It's hypocritical for the school to only allow groups of 4 to hang out with masks but will allow groups of 8 to eat without masks. More leadership too and weekly mandatory RA zoom meetings would be good to get updated on new policy. Also, actual temperature checks are needed as I know kids lie on live safe.

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Assess the amount of hospitalizations of students and residents of the community as well as increase quarantine beds/space. Students should continue to be on campus if hospitalizations are low and there are more quarantine beds.

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I think it's best for the Harrisonburg community of those kids already home stay home and on campus learning resumes after the already scheduled winter break.

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Create a proper census of the campus and larger Harrisonburg community asking if in-person curriculum is what is needed or desired. There has been no real effort to include the voices of faculty, staff, students, and community members.

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Please consider doing as many other colleges have done. Cancel Fall break and have students stay home after Thanksgiving to contain the spread.

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JMU,

If you can't open safely, don't do it.

Whatever JMU decides, be fully transparent from the first communication about the return including exactly what JMU is now doing differently to keep the students, faculty, and community safe.

All communication needs to state any refund/credit information that will be issued depending on if students wish to return or do not wish to return.

If students do not wish to return this semester, allow them to finish the semester with their current professors via their existing online classes.

Do not allow exemption students to stay on campus after October 5 if JMU is not allowing the students that returned home at the schools request to return to campus.

Students who have gatherings larger than 10 or gatherings with students that are knowing ill should be reprimanded via fines to be paid to the school at a minimum. Repeat offenders of large gatherings especially should be expelled from the school.

You need to have outdoor controlled events for on campus students to get out of their dorms with masks on at all times at the stadiums, quad, or athletic fields. Do them often so that different students can sign up and attend and control the number at 50 or under. Create a system so that the same people can't go to all the events while others are left out.

Figure out a way to not have long waiting lines at the dining halls.

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Consider putting a heated tent system with beds/partitions to serve as a temporary isolation area on the football field or other large stadium on campus. Feeding isolated students would be much easier if they are all in one area. You can remove the temporary structure when needed. You would have to have male and female designated areas and some staff monitoring of this temporary facility.

Keep students on campus if outbreak happens rather than sending students back home all across the country.

Have access to more/rapid testing on campus and isolate possible infected students while waiting for results. Temperature check students coming into all in person facilities. Using disinfectant wipes, wipe down tables, desks, chairs, high touch areas after each use in public facilities. Have supplies to do this readily available. Teachers do this in each room after each class at our high school. Students could even help with this.

Thanks for asking our opinion. I hope the school can figure out a way to safely have the students back to campus and attend some in person classes.

Go Dukes!!!  

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Don't.

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I have two daughters at JMU, a junior and a sophomore; they live at Grace Street. Due to the challenges with social distancing at the dining halls, I would like the administration to consider being more flexible about requiring a significant dining plan for those in university housing who have the means to make their own meals. My girls would feel safer if they could avoid the dining halls as much as possible and they have a fully stocked kitchen in their apartment. Secondly, they both experienced in person classes where it was difficult to social distance. In those circumstances, it would be great if there was a consistent online alternative.

I appreciate the opportunity to give feedback and thank you for all of the hard work you have put in to managing this very difficult situation. I believe you have done a great job under extremely challenging circumstances!

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Please Keep kids in their dorms! Please!

Mostly online classes, only some very small classes and scheduled dining with distancing for carry out food! SMALL spaced out gathering only! "

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Allow student to live on campus in dorms

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Please take the students back with all the precautions in place. Maybe. Covid test upon arrival. And have parents and students sign something that states that they are agreeing to live on campus with the possibility of contracting any virus.

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If there isn't a way to cut down on crowded dining halls, then there is no safe way to bring students back. Dining halls should be reservation or to-go only. Meal plans canceled for all off campus students. And dining places need to be open longer hours to let things spread out - stay open until midnight. Also, let freshman opt out of the requirement to live on campus. And finally, you have to TEST people. Lots of people. And not just those with symptoms.

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Hello, my daughter is a freshman and she was extremely upset when they had to come home. These children need to get back to school and be around peers and getting the college life they deserve. Most of these kids have had covid and recovered just fine. Please bring these kids back to school. They have worked so hard to get there. Thank you

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My son tested positive after returning home. He was in a very big class 200+ people and had to sit on the floor. Don't have large classes, particularly without distancing.

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Encourage teachers to meet in outdoor spaces, like your stadium, weather permitting.

I think the biggest issue was not doing mandatory Covid or Antibodies testing, as other universities have done. Given the outbreak, I don't think you need to test those that have + antibodies or tested positive since school started.

Use Virginia Tech's sewage testing technologies. I believe they have had success. I think UVA is employing it! Virginia schools are our community and it would be great to see positive collaboration between them.

Some schools have actual temperature checks and/ or random Covid testing.

I am disappointed that these precautions weren't in place. I am disappointed my son caught Covid at JMU. We love the JMU community and it should be LIVE because that is JMU's unique factor. If JMU doesn't learn from other schools or its mistakes, it could end up in a similar situation. Personally, I am not as concerned as others because my son probably has antibodies for at least 3 months.

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staying online for the rest of the semester

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I'd like to see classes for this semester become pass/fail

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Please do not open one day and close the next.

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An aside, JMU was stupid during the summer in assuming that all would be fine. This has led to a schedule that has us returning to campus for a couple of weeks after thanksgiving. Lots of schools realized that this is too risky. Not JMU - Shame on you Pres. Alger.

JMU has been targeted by The NY Times, NPR, and perhaps others over the past few days. This is terrible press. Can JMU survive more bad news?

This is above my pay grade, but I hope if you send me back into close p2p lab courses that you make sure I am safe. Oh, perhaps Pres Alger and other senior "leaders" could reassure us by taking on a close contact lab or other experience.

In August the DNR reported that JMU had brand that needed to be preserved so we needed a football season. We can see how ignoring reality does little to preserve the brand.

I think reopening this semester is crazy.

Thank you.

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As a Harrisonburg community member and JMU alum, I'd like to ask you to reconsider and not resume in-person operations until you can invest in widespread testing of students and enforce masking and distancing on campus. I'm horrified and concerned that you brought students to Harrisonburg from all over Virginia without adequate safety and enforcement measures only to go virtual and leave 15,000 students in the community, with no enforcement of public health measures off campus. I was shocked to learn students had to cram together in the cafeteria, lecture halls had students sitting every other seat and in general the university was relying on students self-enforcing masking and social distancing on campus. I think there should be severe consequences, suspension or expulsion, for students who violate social distancing both on and off campus.

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Will you require all students to get tested before the return of in-person learning?

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Please consider requiring regular and frequent testing, and quarantining of the students so that you can stay ahead of it. Some schools are testing their students twice a week and it seems to be helping.

Please impose and enforce restrictions in terms of gathering sizes, social distancing and temperature-taking so that the students take it seriously.

Please put markings on the floor to indicate where students should stand (spaced out) in line at the dining halls, food courts and other places where they line up or for social media events.

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When students get sick, please have a clear and solid plan for getting them meals; my daughter received multiple bags of Lay's chips, gatorades and goldfish for breakfast. We were glad to have something but with planning, it could be healthier.

Ensure that the kids know what to do (to be safe, if they feel sick, etc) by not assuming they read their email. Many do not. Have RAs or house parents hold mandatory meetings to go over the rules. Let the kids know that they will be sent home and/or school will be shut down again if they fail to follow the rules.

Many of the kids who already got it now assume they have three months before they will get it again. Maybe that's true - who knows. But don't let down your guard. This will be an issue again in the spring semester when their three month protections end.

Ensure that Dorms and dining halls stay open during thanksgiving week. I do not want my DD coming home for that week and expose our family to Covid.

Thank you for asking for input!!!

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Go back to class face to face! I am a tenured faculty & program director at ODU and we've successfully been face to face for 3 weeks and that's with Hampton Roads being a hot spot. We've spaced our classrooms and moved extra desks / chairs & if tables were stationary, we bagged off seats. Our students wear masks in class and masks / shields in the lab /sim / hospital. I have 160 pre-licensure nursing students and we have remained COVID free (fingers crossed). I teach a combo of F2F and zoom since we are sharing classroom space due to decreased seating. Every other class is F2F- and I am SYNCHRONOUS zoom when not F2F. Cameras are on- we are completing activities together. F2F classes are zoomed as well incase students need to be home with small children (public schools aren't open) or get sick. I'm posting zoom links in course media. This CAN be done.

My daughter has 1 class that has had ZERO readings / assignments / interaction from the faculty since the week 1 pivot- ZERO. That is UNACCEPTABLE as a parent and a college professor.

If F2F is not resumed, you MUST hold your faculty accountable to teach. This needs to include at least some synchronous lecture times (only 1 of her courses has synchronous meeting times). Faculty need to put in more effort than read chapter 3 and put your thoughts on a discussion board. And faculty need to respond to the discussion board threads so students see engagement- not a check in the canvas gradebook. Faculty should have stated office hours viz zoom where students can find them and have questions fielded.

My daughter is a junior and is completely disappointed and frustrated in her first month at school. I am as well, and I'm not asking your faculty to do anything that I am not doing in my

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courses. I would like to see my daughter's professors putting in the same effort than I am for my students. We are here to teach them- let's do our jobs.

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1. A choice for students to continue their education on campus or stay home and continue learning online. No one should be forced to withdraw due to JMU's choice.
  2. Dining halls and all other JMU buildings floors should be marked 6ft and in and out door marked
  3. Staff and Dining services addressing students not following COVID social distancing and mask wearing protocol.
  4. JMU to take more of an active role in policing the COVID requirements mandated by the Governor and Mayor of Harrisonburg
  5. Stop holding movie nights and large group activities if JMU is not going to police the students to follow the COVID social distancing and mask requirements
  6. Expel students on and off campus who host and attend parties above the allotted attendance as mandated by the Governor of VA or Mayor of Harrisonburg

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I am a parent of a freshman, and my daughter is still on campus. I would like to see an option for students to return to campus but keep remote learning in place. Hopefully containing the numbers. Also more dining options. Grab and go. Mobile app to order ahead. And less crowding. Don't force students to sit inside and gather. Thank you

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I believe in person class should be offered and those who wish to remain online can do so.

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If you don't have students get Covid tested before coming back there's no point in having them return. You have no baseline from which to draw meaningful transmission information. If you don't have a plan for frequent, random testing there's no point in having them return. You will have no information on asymptomatic infection rates.

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Keep the kids safe. Enforcement of masks and social distancing. Get creative about social events for the students. Movie nights with social circles.

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If in person classes aren't resumed OOS families should be refunded the difference between instate and out of state rates.

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Hi! I think we should go back regardless, but either keep classes all online for the time being as we wean into going back on campus, or make sure students are actually 6 feet apart! In a few of my classes it was only one small seat in between people. Thanks!

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Remain online at first, stagger return of students, test, test, test everyone that will use the campus resources or live on campus. All students. It's not perfect but atleast keeps the obvious ones out. And prevalence testing is needed.

Dining Halls need total revamp. Maybe all grab and go with staggered times to pick up meals.

If you can return everyone and keep virus to a minimum, then get back to in person classes.

Cancel fall break and finish semester in person and finals done by Thanksgiving. Everyone stays home for the holiday season.

Repeat to start the Spring semester.

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Enforce the agreements you had the kids sign, ban violators from campus, limit the amount of students in line and inside the dining hall by placing employee counters at entry's, limit in person classes

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I hope kids are given the option to continue online at home in an environment where the kids can focus on academics and feel safe for the remainder of Fall 2020 semester, and try again in January 2021.

It really is too disruptive to learning to move in with in-person/online/hybrid classes THEN move out with all online classes THEN move back in with in-person/online/hybrid and THEN possibly have it all start over and/or have to move into quarantine/all online for 10-14 days (if only mildly or non-symptomatic). Plus, mid-terms, Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break are only a few weeks away. The kids don't need the upheaval and risk to their health and loved ones while trying to excel academically this semester.

I know JMU is doing the best they can. I know my kid and others are doing the best they can (some bests are better than others:)

Thank you!

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I would really like to see students able to return to campus whether in person, hybrid, or a mix. They need to be on campus. Their education is not only academics, but how to navigate life. Please give them this opportunity. Thanks for all you are doing to make this happen!

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Everyone should have a covid test before coming back to campus!!!

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Dining tables should be wiped down between use in dining halls. Or just have takeout dining. More hand sanitizer stations around campus. These are easy things that can be done!

In person learning is so important. Looking forward to the campus reopening with in person learning.

These kids are having covid parties, showing that they have absolutely no concern for their own community, much less any care for the community they inhabit for 9 months out of the year. The obvious disrespect towards the city has been building for years, but this is completely egregious. Honestly, fuck you for putting Harrisonburg lives and businesses at risk. I mean that from the bottom of my heart.

The testing situation needs to improve. Some schools are being far more proactive about testing students (symptomatic and asymptomatic) and the testing turnaround time is much faster.

Less crowded dining halls and smaller classes. Waste water testing near student housing. Everyone takes a rapid COVID test upon return (probably too expensive but worth it). More isolation rooms maybe in local hotels? Thanks for all you are doing to get our students back to some form of in-person teaching and community.

In my opinion and my Duke son's, we don't believe students should return to campus, and instead continue on-line learning from home/off-campus. Reasses for next semester.

The biggest issue from my students was the dining halls. If you expand hours and offer more grab and go options, that would help immensely. I think the other colleges that did testing before entry had more success. I'm not sure why JMU refuses that option. We know the CDC guidelines are flawed. Temperature checks are not enough because many affected never get a temp. Also, you need to offer freshman the chance to come back to campus. They need some stability since they have lost the most over these last 9 months. Being forced to live another semester at home is not good especially since their peers are at other campuses in Virginia and allowed to stay.

Too many students sharing a bathroom in the Villages - Is there a way to possibly spread out the kids and leave a few rooms empty?

Wait until 2nd semester.

To establish my bona fides permit me to say that I am an [REDACTED] and the grandfather of a first year JMU student. I am profoundly

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disappointed in the way JMU has dealt with the pandemic and the resumption of schooling this year. The failure to make adequate preparation for testing students, the naive reliance on teenagers to behave like responsible adults, the failure to enforce even the moderate rules (CDC based) that were put in place for mitigation of the spread of the disease, the failure (by all accounts) to consult with the faculty and even the deans in formulation of policy are inexcusable. Compounding these was the decision to send campus residents home "unless they were granted an exemption" (which apparently were never investigated for truthfulness of student claims). This was done in direct contradiction of the advice by the nation's leading epidemiologist. Central leadership of the institution has severely damaged its credibility. My personal perspective from the various lenses through which I view the current situation is that JMU should end in-person classes for this semester. Yes, it would probably mean a loss of income as refunds would have to be issued to those that withdraw and those that opt not to return to campus residence halls and for unused meal plans. However, it would reduce, though not eliminate, some of the spread of the virus away from the campus into the community. The only exceptions that I would allow would be for the very rare courses that require in-person performance, e.g., nurse practicums. I would go further and caution those students that remain in Harrisonburg that violations of local mitigation ordinances will not be countenanced and violations of on-campus regulations will result in severe penalties. The working hours and virus mitigation rules of the dining facilities and libraries should be structured to minimized "crowding," unlike what apparently has been the case up to now."

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A Brown University study has shown that out of 26k college students throughout the US that have tested positive for Covid19 there have not been any hospitalizations of students, faculty or staff . This should be science enough that the students should be back in school in person .. isolation has led to an increase in suicides , mental health issues and other related deaths that we can not afford to continue being locked down .. please for the sake of everyone , open up the campus

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More testing!! Test before returning to campus- including off campus students as they enter campus. Test randomly! Test asymptotic of they've been exposed! Test more!! CDC may have said it wasn't worth it to test before arrival but apparently it was worth it as all other VA universities did it and they have not sent students home.

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Let the kids come back. With the virus being less severe in teens and young adults the need for a positive school environment supersedes the need to fully lockdown. Risk vs advantages. I would prefer the kids get to go to each class at least once each week allowing them some social engagement. Even if it's a nice day and a professor on a whim invites kids to an outdoor session. I think creativity is key. Putting some thought in ways to safely be social without doing everything virtually which isn't as fulfilling or stimulating.

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Please allow regular in person classes, online classes are not feasible too confusing and overall highly stressful for students to navigate. Parents, students, staff are well aware of risks and still prefer in person. This population age is at minimal risk of serious illness, please allow them to properly attend in person instruction. Instructors who feel compromised can take space and precautions to stay safe while teaching. Do not retract and move these people around again let them stay and learn.

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Allow the first year students back and continue the diligent cleaning and mask wearing. My son would like to go back and knew the importance of following the rules

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It makes me nervous with them going back. I feel like the kids will not change any of their behaviors and they will be in the same position.

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OPEN CAMPUS, OPEN THE HEALTH CENTER ON THE WEEKENDS, LET THE STUDENTS GET FRESH AIR AND NOT WEAR MASKS ON CAMPUS OUTSIDE, DO TAKE OUT MEALS ONLY

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JMU's decision not to test asymptomatic people was a major contributor to the uncontrolled growth of the virus on campus. This decision was based on new CDC recommendations to that effect. The NYT has now revealed that those guidelines were written by administration officials and NOT CDC SCIENTISTS. Please follow the advice of scientists and not politics when making decisions for any future campus testing regimes. Link to article:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/17/world/covid-19-coronavirus.html>

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I believe that the classes and walking on campus, are not the things that caused the problems, Jmu had a plan for classes and daytime campus activities and the students complied. It is the non classroom hours that are problematic. The cafeterias, will need better rules and guidelines and the out of class activities/parties/gatherings/hanging out that is spreading the virus will need to be dealt with. A campus shift in attitudes needs to happen. If the behaviors out of class can not be dealt with, the virus will continue to spread. \*\*\*\*\* also you must allow for quarantine time when the students return home from school, having just had my daughter quarantine I would NOT want her doing that in December and missing the holidays with family. \*\*\*\*\* they need to come home before thanksgiving, all the students will have to quarantine upon return from JMU and will miss thanksgiving, but will at least be able to enjoy Christmas break.

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Plan for better social distance are food locations

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I feel it is still not safe to return to campus. Returning to campus would just repeat what happened with the initial move in. I also feel it is not fair for those students who are being safe but still being exposed by roommates that aren't being as safe. While the safety measures JMU



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had taken were helpful, they were not strictly enforced. I do not think students should be returning to campus.

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Do not reopen for in-person class. Keep the on-campus amenities

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1. I hope that if jmu welcomes students back to in person instruction, there is sn option for students to continue online learning. My OOS, off/campus, senior Duke is uncomfortable with the social choices her housemates and friends are making.
2. If instruction continues online, I would hope that classes would include some aspect of lecture, whether it is synchronous or recorded. My daughter currently has a class that consists of online reading assignments and discussion boards. "

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First, I would like to thank JMU for working so hard to give students some form of on-campus experience this year. My daughter was happy being on campus and felt comfortable eating in the dining halls twice daily and attending her two in person classes three days a week. She did not always feel safe in her dorm, however, because two of the six suite mates were constantly violating protocols for gathering size. They sometimes even brought 15-20 people into the common room of their suite in the Villages. The RA in the suite next door was MIA, seen once in a zoom call. My daughter texted the RA during one of the gatherings with no response and also reported on the Live Safe app. When the other girls in the suite confronted the two "partiers" to comply with protocols and stop bringing people into the dorm, it was apparent they had covid symptoms but didn't notify the suite mates and must not have reported to UHC because they never left the suite or isolate for 10 days. My daughter and her roommate tested positive a few days later after Labor Day weekend. Because immunity may only last 3 months, we are concerned this cycle will repeat itself in the spring if dorms and residents are not better monitored. Students who are taking precautions and following the rules need a way to report unsafe behaviors in the dorms if the RA is not taking action, and to know action will be taken to stop these risky behaviors that put other dorm residents at increased risk. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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Should reopen campus

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With JMU still ranking in the top five college hotspots in the country for Covid infections and disastrous response that has been lambasted in the media, I firmly believe that as a student body we should not return to in-person classes during the Fall 2020 semester. No significant changes have been made to repair the massive lapses in control from the first attempt at the semester and behaviors of certain student populations simply cannot be changed. It is with all of these factors in mind that I begrudgingly urge you to finish this semester online and focus your efforts toward preparing for an in-person relatively more normal Spring 2021 semester. Additionally, if you do decide that some level of in-person classes will resume this fall, please allow each student the option to continue taking their current courses virtually from home if they so choose. It isn't fair to forcibly introduce the turmoil of moving between cities during a

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pandemic onto students that may have personal concerns over returning in-person. Please consider that what is best for one student is not always what's best for all students so whatever your decision please allow flexibility for students to choose how they finish this semester. Thank you.

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I think at the minimum graduate students should be allowed to have classes in person on campus. In-person learning in our small cohorts is the most beneficial for our academic growth and for gaining knowledge about our future career. Small group work, class discussions, and presentations are all easier and more meaningful in person. Additionally, grad students are mature and responsible enough to take the proper precautions off campus to prevent the spread of COVID. Our choices should not be of great concern to university officials. Furthermore, many of us (including me) may live in distracting environments that do not contribute to high academic achievement. A classroom is a minimally distracting space where the most learning can take place. This is why I believe that graduate students should be allowed to remain in in-person classes even if undergraduate students do not.

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When it comes to the health of the students, faculty, employees and H'burg community, I think you're asking for trouble trying to resume in-person learning this Fall Semester. COVID cases will increase all the way around. JMU does not have enough testing and confinement bed capability to contain outbreaks. The University had only 11 confinement beds available at the time of going virtual with all classes. When you then take into account Influenza spread on campus (which happens every year), you're looking for a double whammy bringing thousands of students back for in person learning. You can't control, either, what happens off campus with student gatherings and virus spread. It's also so difficult financially and logistically for students to be "bounced" around in this way. Get realistic: STAY VIRTUAL for the rest of 2020 and offer students and parents their due REFUNDS for services not provided. Even for \$300 parking passes, JMU could, at least, offer people a credit toward a future parking pass, as an example, if the University can't outright reimburse for some unknown reason. Don't lead people on with unrealistic hopes: Don't do what President Trump is doing. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SCIENCE and not the Almighty Dollar.

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I do not feel that this is a good idea. We just sent students home to a multitude of different places and exposed them to numerous people. Bringing them all back will cause another outbreak. We can't control what students do and to be honest, the university is not doing a great job at regulating what the students are doing. On campus rules and regulations need to be tighter, there are still students who are leaving and partying and going to other dorms. Off campus environments are hard to monitor but someone needs to think of something to manage this quickly because it's just going to get worse.

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Sick students do not want to be identified since they will be required to quarantine. Online classes should be available for all classes. My son attended a class where one student was repeatedly coughing (only 4 students). Please do not require in person attendance while

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Coronavirus is still highly prevalent at JMU. Some students will get severely ill and will have long term health issues as a result.

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Please test students BEFORE arrival to campus; have a plan in place for dining, classrooms, and bathroom sharing in dorms; expulsion for students who have large gatherings; and DO NOT allow students to return after Thanksgiving Break as this violates your quarantine and puts everyone at extreme risk!

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JMU should not resume in person classes. People are getting sick it clearly did not work the first time. Keep us online in the safety of our homes or on campus housing. You're dragging us back and forth and distracting us from what's most important and that is school.

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There is no point in bringing students back to campus (something I would love to see happen) unless there can be a high degree of certainty that we can do so safely and not have to have to pull back a second time (something that would be a disaster for JMU nation and the university). Unfortunately, I do not have much confidence that the measures that were put in place for the start of the semester will have any different effect a second time. I understand that we may not have the resources that some other schools do for more frequent and rigorous testing or contact tracing, but that doesn't seem to have made even those schools immune to the inroads of the virus (I'm thinking of the University of Illinois, where they have been testing everyone three times a week, but nonetheless have experienced rising numbers of cases). The main problem lies in what students are doing off campus, something the University has very little control over until the damage is done, although just living in the dorm also presents a huge challenge to limiting one's exposure to individuals who may have the virus. And there have been too many reports of overcrowded classes. As the time for being able to hold classes, rehearsals and other activities outside dwindles, I must reluctantly conclude that resuming "full campus operations" would be unwise and a danger to the students, faculty, staff and community. This is why I petitioned to keep all my classes online for the rest of the semester. I hope the Board of visitors sees fit to follow suit - this is as serious as it gets.

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I would like for JMU to enforce the policy they have place. The students will continue to test the policy and restrictions until they see students are held accountable for their actions.

I think you should stop reporting self report covid positives. Those numbers will be reported with the county in which they were tested.

What are the plans for bringing the students back to campus? The numbers are starting to decrease. There should be a required covid test of each student prior to returning to campus or conduct a test upon arrival along with isolation.

The Fall break should be canceled and students remain off campus when they leave for Thanksgiving. The remaining 2.5 weeks can be conducted online.

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I fully support a return to in-person learning and full campus operations as long as proper measures are put into place to enable social distancing. I also think it is important to clearly

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state the consequences students can expect if they choose to not comply with requirements regarding limiting interactions and group size, and then to enforce these consequences when violations occur. Other VA schools are managing this successfully so please consider using the same tactics they have implemented. Our kids are all struggling right now but they will do much better in Harrisonburg and in a classroom.

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Open !!!!

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I feel it is still not safe to return to campus. Returning to campus would just repeat what happened with the initial move in. I also feel it is not fair for those students who are being safe but still being exposed by roommates that aren't being as safe. While the safety measures JMU had taken were helpful, they were not strictly enforced. I do not think students should be returning to campus.

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Concerned that cases will spike when students are back on campus. What is your plan if cases do spike? There is a risk involved if/when parents go back and retrieve students if/when it reverts back to virtual learning. How will you monitor student behavior in regards to large gatherings ie: parties. It's inevitable that students will be exposed. It's not a good idea to return to in person learning. Too many variables - difficult to control.

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Please consider allowing the NJ, NY and Connecticut students the option to stay on campus over Thanksgiving (if you intend to go ahead with the original academic calendar) Otherwise they (and family members) need to quarantine for 14 days.

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My son is a freshman and came home September 6th. I would like to see freshman be given the option to come back ASAP. I also think classes should resume in some type of hybrid or in person nature. Dining halls could offer More carry out options and grab and go and/or delivery options. Please bring our freshman back!! JMU is the only school that is reporting COVID positives that are self-reported which makes the numbers look so much higher than other universities that are only reporting positives that were tested at their university clinics.

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Students should return to campus but you should require testing prior to arrival. More stringent policies and more safe options should be in place while on campus, more outside seating for eating (put up tents), more outside activities for small groups (put out tables/seats, corn hole, ladder ball, life size jenga), to go dining, more strict dorm rules - no guests in room (social gathering in halls, outside, in lobby). JMU can implement more rules to help keep our students safe. Have more beds ready to manage the increase of cases. Need to have at least beds for 10% of enrollment ready for quarantine - to expect less than national figures is unrealistic. Let's not let the minority of students ruin it for the majority of students.

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Bring the kids back!! All the data shows that children are not being seriously affected by the virus. If it's pressure from the town of Harrisonburg then there's nothing you can do about the off campus kids living there anyway, so to penalize the children living on campus is unfair. We trust how you will handle the safety measures of the school but bottom line the kids needs to be on campus!

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Restrict off campus students from on campus dining like other colleges are doing. Strictly enforce the rules. Hold people accountable. Expel rule breakers and weed out those who dont care. Have RAs patrol the halls more and write up non compliance. Too many rule followers are getting penalized for the offenses of the few.

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Resuming in person classes would cause another spike in cases, putting so many more students at risk. Until JMU tests every student and requires 2 week quarantines for every student and enforces it then it won't stop spreading.

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Open up. Be not afraid and bring the students back. Students need to be attending in person. How are you monitoring cheating?

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Test students before returning to campus. open / resume campus operations & in person learning in early October

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I returned my parking pass, and if we don't go back in person would it be possible to purchase them back for less money?? My only reason now for going to campus is to go to UREC and I don't think paying \$300 is reasonable for me just to be able to workout.

On the other hand if we do go back, can the prices also be lower? Could we have to option to buy just a pass for the semester since we don't know what is going to happen in the spring yet?"

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I think it is incredibly unsafe and irresponsible for students, their families, and the community if JMU returns to in-person classes and and full campus operations. I believe more time is needed to assess the risk, especially as we move towards cold and flu season, and find ways to successfully implement rules and strategies once things do resume.

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I think JMU has a lot of work to do to regain trust of students, staff, and faculty. The JMU dashboard is a masterpiece of inefficient and borderline misleading data presentation. The decision to treat cases as ""cured"" purely based on elapsed time from positive test seems unwise at best.

I am not confident that JMU has the best interests of its students, staff, and faculty at hear in any meaningful way.

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Both my husband and I would be thrilled to have JMU reopen. In the short time my daughter was there she was really happy. Being home and disconnected from the JMU campus is not ideal but we understand it was necessary. That being said we would absolutely return as soon as possible so she can partake in all that JMU has to offer. In person classes would be a real plus if possible - online learning without the energy of classmates and teachers is really tough. I don't envy the learning process for kids right now. Mask wearing , more grab and go, hand sanitizer, more isolation areas- you can do this JMU!!

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Students should be on campus (especially the freshman in dorms) and start in person classes. They need a better experience. College should not be a prison setting where kids are looking over their shoulders every moment. ALL data shows that college students have minimal to no symptoms. As far as the community goes, the majority of students live off campus so having "on campus" students stay home does very minimal. When pockets of society open up there will be a spike in the curve that can't be avoided and this needs to be dealt with. We shouldn't be running away from it hoping it vanishes. Just my opinion.

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It is not safe to resume in-person learning this semester. The best thing for the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff, as well as the local community, is to continue with online instruction. This would also provide students and faculty with some much needed consistency and stability.

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The WHO no longer calls this a Pandemic. And the CDC has already made remarks that only 6% of deaths were due to so-called Covid-19 only, while 94% deaths were due to one or more other medical issues that caused death. On top of that, 60% of Covid-19 tests incur false positives. The best thing JMU can do is take some leadership and Stop Spreading the Fear about Covid, and get some of our liberties back, as James Madison himself would have wanted. There is no longer a pandemic, and there are over 30 coronaviruses which we have always lived with. Stop wearing masks day was September 15th. Folks, real Dukes know better than to believe the hype - time to get back to normal - especially if you care one ounce for your country and your fellow countryfolk's freedoms. Nobody needs or wants communistic contact tracing, and nobody needs experimental vaccines forced on them. Stop Spreading the Fear, Stop Spreading the Hype.

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PLEASE adjust the calendar to eliminate fall break. If kids decide to not go home for the weekend, those that are partiers will look at this as a 4 day excuse to party.

Also, please do not ask the students to return to campus after thanksgiving. Finish the semester on line from home "

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My freshman said it sounds like her professors don't want students to go back and plan to stay on line even if JMU invites students back, including her chemistry lab and she's a chem major. She asked what would be the point of going back then?

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I'm a JMU employee and I feel this is completely irresponsible. I understand money is a huge factor, but human life should be as well. I hate feeling like my life is at risk every time I go to work. The fact that the administration didn't have a clear plan in place for the switch to online instruction was so shocking and truly disappointing. This should have been something that was planned for during the summer, not something that you are scrambling to do last minute. You are placing our safety and our lives in the hands of 18-22 year olds. Anyone who has studied student development knows that these students are not aware enough to make decisions beyond the impact of themselves. You're adults, don't blame what has happened on these students. Take responsibility.

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My Freshman daughter really wants to return to campus! She enjoyed the short time she had there, but did not file for an exemption to stay because she felt like some of the students who received exemptions were planning to party and not abide by the COVID rules.

I realize that you have received many emails, letters, and calls from students, parents, faculty, etc. But here are my few thoughts:

1. Bring the students back on campus, but allow students who are uncomfortable to return to stay at home with online courses.
2. Don't rush to return to in person classes. Do so gradually, and for specific classes that need to be in person (labs, dance, music, etc.)
3. Increase the take-out options in ALL dining facilities. And even consider ONLY take-out options with no indoor dining allowed.
4. This may be difficult to do halfway through the semester, but consider eliminating meal plans for off campus students.
5. Increase ""safe,"" COVID-friendly activities for on campus kids (especially Freshman). They need social outlets to help them get to know each other and the school. Unfortunately, my daughter had a VERY bad FROG experience, with very few activities and FROGs who appeared very disinterested in helping the students get acclimated. She had really looked forward to 1787 Weeks of Welcome, and most of the people around her had very good experiences with theirs, which did not help.

Thank you for allowing us to provide our input!

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1. If the dorms are not going to be full to capacity upon reopening, please honor prior requests for single-occupancy. My son requested single-occupancy due to asthma, was denied, chose to attend virtually, but was still charged for the dorm.
  2. Find a way to utilize parent help! We want to help! Do we need to sign up and be on campus in "Social Distancing" shirts to help remind students to social distance or wear masks? Do we need to be there to help monitor gatherings? Maybe set up a parent booth as the central check-in point for parent volunteers to get that daily badge and check-in (after online registration) to help with movie night or to deliver meals to quarantined students.
  3. Finally - stay encouraged! There are some mean, rude, and nasty JMU

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parents. Find ways to rotate your staff and admin and encourage them to take mental health breaks, go for a walk. Do we as parents need to fund a "sweet fund" for JMU staff and admin for regular donut or cookie deliveries to offices there?

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Harrisonburg is currently the worst coronavirus hotspot in the country, thanks to the failure of the 1-week of in-person learning. Every person who lives here is at greater risk and some of us will die because of the mishandling of that experiment. I urge you, in the strongest terms, to consider that before you bring students back and further increase the damage to this town. We do not want to see things get even worse and, if you insist on this dangerous and reckless course of action, we will not forget your cavalier lack of concern for our lives. If JMU hopes to have good relations with the local community in the future, you need to acknowledge and apologize for your failures, and promise not to return to in-person learning until you can guarantee our safety.

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Please actually enforce social distancing, especially in dining areas. The packed lines outside places like Chick-fil-a and Freshens are unacceptable and should be regulated. The capacity for dining areas should be lowered even more, as I have seen many people eating together in d hall when you can't where a mask. Additionally, please make testing more available and not just for students with severe symptoms. Encourage students to be tested before they come back to campus, and limit the number of students in large lectures. If you're not allowing gatherings of over 50 people but have a 150 person lecture, even with social distancing in the room it's defeating the purpose. Please do your part to practice what you preach and be more proactive in protecting the students. The numbers at JMU compared to other VA schools are embarrassing and do not make me proud to be a duke.

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Respectfully, if the start of the semester demonstrated anything, it's that this university is entirely incapable of safely and effectively managing a transition back to face-to-face classes. JMU is obviously not alone in this respect, but we do seem to be significantly worse than the mean. I don't know anyone here who honestly envisioned things playing out any differently than they did, and yet we went ahead with the ruse that was starting the semester in-person, at significant short- and long-term costs to both public health and the reputation of this institution. How can we honestly expect anything to be meaningfully different in early October? The only way to keep our community safe is to have the integrity to remain online for the remainder of the semester and, out of respect for our students, to announce this decision as early as possible.

Thanks for your consideration.

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