

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Dear HCCC Colleagues,

I want to thank all of you who participated in the many discussions about our planning for a gradual return to on-campus instruction, services and operations. I also thank all who helped draft and refine the Restart Plan that we are required to submit to the NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education. Earlier today we submitted our plan to OSHE. The plan is on our website and you can access it using this link: [HCCC Restart Plan](#)

Together we have maintained a focus on our two guiding principles: safety and student success. I want to especially thank all members of our Return to Campus (RTC) Task Force, co-chaired by Lisa Dougherty and Heather DeVries. These dedicated colleagues have worked hundreds of hours on everyone's behalf and we are most grateful to them! The RTC Task Force has incorporated many of the suggestions they received from HCCC community members into the OSHE plan, and other suggestions will be included in training, instructional materials, FAQ's documents, on the web site and elsewhere.

As we have discussed, planning and implementation of next steps are not completed. The Task Force continues to work on many planning issues and details beyond the scope of the OSHE planning template. The Task Force will continue to provide college-wide reports about their work for your information, review and input. We will also continue to discuss planning and implementation issues in Town Hall meetings and in other venues. Staff are now working on educational materials for all students, faculty and staff that will cover safety protocols, procedures, and resources. You will be receiving more information in the coming days and weeks.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be helpful in any way. Together we are navigating challenges beyond our control with caring and integrity. Kudos to all!

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris", is written in a cursive style.

Chris