**DRAFT Reopening Plan for Georgia College Student Involvement**  
**(Student Life Subgroup)**

The Division of Student Life is committed to providing a co-curricular experience, aligned with the mission of the University, that promotes belonging, engagement, and support for all students. Each reopening contingency plan centers those values while prioritizing the safety of our students, staff, faculty, and community.

This working group was tasked with considering seven areas of student involvement and programming: (1) Student orientation to online learning and engagement, (2) Fraternity and Sorority Life recruitment and engagement, (3) Large group activities, (4) Campus-wide activities, (5) Weekend of Welcome, (6) Club and organization meetings and events, and (7) Continued student engagement. The following report lists guiding principles for modifying each general area of programming. Modifications to specific programs and events can be found in Appendix A: Event Conversion Planning.

# Academic Year 2020-2021 Start – Fall classes begin with limited social distancing expectation

A fully residential reopening would not be a return to business-as-usual, given the unknowns of the evolving health situation. In the event of a full reopening we will plan to have some degree of social distancing (in accordance with CDC, DPH, and USG guidelines) in place for all programs moving forward. The most immediate high-density events are sorority recruitment and Weekend of Welcome. Modifications to promote distancing would include using remote alternatives, use of outdoor space, smaller rotating groups, and postponement of programs that cannot be replicated virtually.

# Contingency Plan 1 – Fall classes begin with social distancing expectations

## Priorities: Minimizing spread and preventing resurgence

## Protocols and Initiatives

* Social distancing: Campus events, RSO events, and meetings must follow campus guidelines for social distancing (6 feet of personal distance, no more than 10 individuals in a 500-sq ft area). Gatherings that cannot ensure proper distancing should be provided virtually or postponed.
* Facilitate contact tracing: All student groups must maintain rosters of attendees at every gathering to allow for contact tracing by DPH if necessary. Attendance rosters should be submitted to the Administrative Manager for Student Involvement within 48 hours of each gathering.
* Student training: A minimum of two executive student leaders from each registered student organization (RSO) must undergo training before activities resume in August. Training topics will include social distancing, limiting physical touch, contact tracing, reporting suspected or confirmed infection, caring for vulnerable populations (particularly service groups in contact with vulnerable populations), sanitization of meeting and event spaces, and accessibility (captioning virtual meetings, microphone use when masks are worn, etc.) All RSO advisors (both on and off-campus advisors) will undergo similar training.
* Student travel: Travel sponsored by student organizations must gain approval from the Director of Student Activities and Organizations and Executive Director of Student Engagement. Non-essential sponsored travel will be strongly discouraged. Sponsored travel to areas considered high-risk (level 3-4) will be prohibited.
* Student program review committee: A committee will form to review RSO program and event proposals to ensure compliance with distancing, sanitization, and other protocols for health and safety. (Specific guidelines for applicable criteria and guidelines are forthcoming.)

## Modifications (See Appendix A for individual program modifications)

1. Student orientation to online learning and engagement
   * All organizations, programs, and services should accommodate voluntary distancing and isolation whenever possible. Students who feel unsafe attending in-person programs should be provided a web option.
   * GC Connect survey will be deployed to capture new student engagement. Virtual Bobcat Marketplaces and RSO interest sessions will be provided during the summer to connect students with organizations.
   * Campus Connection Coaching through the Division of Student Life will assign new students a “coach” to facilitate connection with organizations and to promote and monitor engagement of new students during the summer
2. Fraternity and Sorority Life engagement and recruitment
   * Greek organizations will proceed with recruitment in the fall, altering recruitment activities, schedules, and spaces to comply with guidelines for distancing (6 feet personal distance and no more than 10 individuals in a 500 sq ft area). FSL will make modifications in accordance with USG and GC guidelines on reopening, including the possibility of virtual or hybrid recruitment.
   * Greek organizations will comply with all protocols listed above when conducting meetings, events, activities, or any gathering.
3. Large group activities
   * Activities will take place in outdoor spaces whenever possible.
   * Activities may be duplicated to accommodate smaller waves of people.
   * Large events may be simulcast to satellite locations on campus to promote distancing (residence hall common spaces, Magnolia Ballroom, MSU, A&S Auditorium, etc.)
4. Campus-wide activities
   * Where possible, modifications to large group activities (above) will be implemented. If proper distancing cannot be achieved, campus-wide events (e.g. Family Weekend) will be postponed to spring.
   * Homecoming planning (mid-February) will continue with distancing considerations in mind. Contracts will be held until a determination for Spring 2021 residency is made.
5. Weekend of Welcome
   * Convert some educational program to online modules to be completed during summer
   * Split breakout sessions into smaller groups over multiple waves (e.g. GC Reads)
   * Convert large group sessions to remote simulcasts to satellite locations on campus
   * Provide boxed meals to reduce congregating in The Max
6. Club and organization meetings/events
   * Implement enhanced student leader and advisor training (see above)
   * Work with Facilities to use spaces at ½ or ¼ capacity to comply with distancing guidelines, which may involve modifying 25Live capacities and removing furniture from spaces
   * Use outdoor spaces when possible
   * Provide remote options
   * Require event and meeting rosters to facilitate contact tracing by DPH if necessary
   * Liaise with Public Safety on local ordinances regarding outside venues and enforcement plan
   * All organizations must register their events through the GC Connect event registration module (exempting Chapter meetings for FSL organizations)
7. Continued student engagement
   * Communicate with faculty, staff, and student leaders about use of CARE Report to track absenteeism and other signs of illness or isolation
   * Implement after-hours virtual services where possible to reduce in-office density during business hours and to accommodate individuals voluntarily isolating

# Contingency Plan 2 – Fall classes begin fully online

## Priorities: Maintaining student engagement

## Protocols and Initiatives

* No nonessential activities will be conducted on campus, including campus events, RSO events, and meetings.
* Student Life Connections Coaches: Student Life staff members will coach a cohort of incoming freshmen beginning in May to support the transition to college and connection to the University.
* RSO engagement: RSOs will be encouraged to make monthly contact (minimally) with members.
* Student travel: Travel sponsored by student organizations must gain approval from the Director of Student Activities and Organizations and Executive Director of Student Engagement. Non-essential sponsored travel will be strongly discouraged. Sponsored travel to areas considered high-risk (level 3-4) will be prohibited.

## Modifications

1. Student orientation to online learning and engagement
   * All organizations, programs, and services should utilize virtual options for online learning and engagement.
   * GC Connect survey will be deployed to capture new student engagement.
   * RSO leaders, on-campus, and off-campus advisors will be provided training on keeping students engaged as well as GC and USG policies and procedures.
2. Fraternity and Sorority Life engagement and recruitment
   * Greek organizations may proceed with recruitment in the fall, using virtual recruitment. Greek organizations will comply with all protocols listed above when conducting meetings, events, activities, or any gathering.
3. Large group activities
   * See Program Risk Assessment Table (Appendix A) for modifications to specific programs
4. Campus-wide activities
   * See Program Risk Assessment Table (Appendix A) for modifications to Weekend of Welcome programming
   * Homecoming planning (mid-February) will continue with distancing considerations in mind. Contracts will be held for as long as possible.
5. Weekend of Welcome
   * Specific program modifications can be found in Appendix A.
6. Club and organization meetings
   * Implement enhanced student leader and advisor training (see above)
   * Provide remote options
7. Continued student engagement
   * Communicate with faculty, staff, and student leaders about use of CARE Report to track absenteeism and other signs of illness or isolation
   * Implement after-hours virtual services where possible to better align student access to Student Life staff with non-class hours.

Contingency Plan 3 – Classes and operations must go to a fully online format for a period of time during the semester

Priorities: Maintaining student engagement and minimizing disruption to learning

## Protocols and Initiatives

* No nonessential activities will be conducted on campus, including campus events, RSO events, and meetings
* Bobcat Callouts: Student Life staff will resume Bobcat Callouts throughout the remainder of the term to keep open communication lines with current students
* RSO engagement: RSOs will be encouraged to make monthly contact (minimally) with members.
* Student travel: Travel sponsored by student organizations must gain approval from the Director of Student Activities and Organizations and Executive Director of Student Engagement. Non-essential sponsored travel will be strongly discouraged. Sponsored travel to areas considered high-risk (level 3-4) will be prohibited.

## Modifications

1. Modifications would include a blend of Contingencies 1 and 2 depending on whether GC is currently operating in-person or fully online.
2. See Program Risk Assessment Table (Appendix A) for specific program modifications

# Appendix A: Program Risk Assessment

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yLWX61SBh1E8YH07xgyjQsiqiTncyxzpa9C6zmIHaX8/edit#gid=307633415> (In Progress)