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Good morning,

The Forward Together steering committee has approved the following guidance for student organizations, advising, counseling, and mentoring based on recommendations from the Student Engagement committee, chaired by Jamie Chidozie. Please share this information with your staff and students in preparation for fall semester student activities.

Student Organizations

- Student organization members are required to wear face coverings in all campus buildings, and maintain six feet of physical distance from others. When gathering outside, members are also required to wear face coverings when six feet or more of physical distance is not possible.
- Whenever possible, external guests/speakers/performers should engage virtually rather than coming physically to campus. In the limited situations when external guests come to campus, they should be provided the web link with [UNI requirements for campus visitors](#) in advance.
- For group gatherings, organizers are required to limit the number of participants present to ensure they're using 50% or less of room capacity and maintaining six feet or more of physical distance between individuals who are not roommates or in the same household. Organizers are required to keep a list of attendees. Any student organization that would like to host an event for 50 or more participants should first obtain approval from the department responsible for reserving the necessary campus space.
- For student events that involve food, organizers are required to use UNI Catering only. Food items handed out at tabling/promotion events must be pre-packaged and shelf stable. Bake sales are not allowed.
- Organizers should plan for contact-free distribution of any event materials, and entrance/exit procedures that minimize congregation in small spaces.

Advising, Mentoring and Counseling

- Advising, mentoring, and counseling services should be available virtually whenever feasible.
- For in-person interactions, advisors and students are required to wear face coverings.
- Offices providing these services should post educational signage in communal spaces outlining face covering requirements, physical distancing

recommendations, proper handwashing techniques, and related safety information.

As we approach the start of the fall semester, please continue to check the [Forward Together](#) website for updates. Emails such as this one will be archived on the [Campus Updates](#) section of the website for future reference.

Sincerely,

Forward Together Steering Committee