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Dear Health Science Students,

As we get ready for the Fall 2020 semester, I want to update all of you with information about how Brookdale has reopened the Lincroft campus for SU3 classes and is getting ready for the Fall semester. We remain engaged in careful and comprehensive planning as we prepare to begin the new academic year. Our most important goals are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible and ensuring an excellent educational experience for you.

The July 16, 2020, email from Dr. David Stout, President of Brookdale Community College, is posted on the college webpage. It includes links to the full reopening plan and educational links posted by the CDC and the NJ Department of Health. Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Care are among the few programs approved for limited face-to-face classes for Fall 2020.

Although all course "lectures" will remain remote or online, we will have clinical time and some lab practices using the face-to-face platform. The clinical sites are welcoming us back in, although with requirements and restrictions due to COVID-19. We will be providing a mix of onsite clinical experiences and simulations for all students, and we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation carefully so that we can pivot to all virtual clinical if we need to.

During SU3, if you are a student required to come onto campus for a skills lab, you will enter through the Auto Tech entrance. Park in Lot 6. Expect to fill out a screening questionnaire and pass through thermal scanners. You will receive information about Brookdale's requirements for facial coverings, social distancing, and hygiene. The process will remain unchanged for the Fall semester, but we expect to announce the exact location of the screening station shortly before the semester begins.

Please be sure to leave yourself enough time to arrive in class on time. You will need to wear a face mask at all times. Please bring your own, but should you forget, the college does have some for use. There will be no food service at any location in fall 2020, except for vending machines. The Health Science Institute office will continue to operate remotely and will not be open even when you are on campus.

The Health Science programs are taking precautions to divide you into small groups to provide for social distancing and consistency, and to minimize the number of people you interact with in clinical and during lab time. We are following all hygiene and handwashing recommendations, and we have mapped out space to ensure everyone stays 6 feet apart. Counseling and content tutoring will continue to operate remotely.

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 or exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and you were not wearing proper PPE, report this to your faculty member. You will need to isolate and to receive medical clearance before being able to return to any clinical activities.

Your online and remote live classes will require computers compatible with the Respondus Lockdown Browser. Chrome Books will not meet the requirement. Please be aware the college has a computer loaner program if you cannot purchase a computer that meets the technical specifications. [This link](#) will take you to the form to borrow a laptop that will meet the needs.

The remote learning environment presents some unique studying challenges. Remember, you are

not alone. Ask for help if your study skills aren't working for you. Students who have been successful in the remote environment share these tips:

- Create a dedicated study space
- Don't procrastinate
- Participate in all class activities
- Ask questions
- Focus on your end-goals
- Don't cheat. The exam session is videotaped while you take exams and faculty view the footage after the test.

As we navigate this time of uncertainty and stress, all the Health Science Institute faculty and staff remain committed to your success.

Stay healthy.

Sincerely,

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