

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you all for your perseverance as the University continues to adapt to the ever-changing environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to address the question of returning to work at our University campus and centers.

Over these last seven weeks, we have learned what the coronavirus is capable of and what it takes to keep our community healthy and safe. With the current NH stay-at-home order due to expire at 12:01 a.m. May 4, we recognize that there are further steps that the University must take before we can all return to our on-ground office locations.

The Long-Range Planning Committee is in the process of developing health and safety protocols and guidelines for a return to campus/center work and activity. The senior staff will use these protocols and guidelines to generate a gradual return-to-work plan by department. As policies and procedures are finalized, they will be posted to the [COVID-19 Updates: Faculty and Staff](#) webpage.

During this development phase, even if Governor Sununu lifts the stay-at-home order on May 4, we ask you to continue to work remotely to maximize social distancing and limit activity on campus and in the centers. Your supervisor will inform you of the incremental return-to-work plan for your department/office. It is possible the Governor will extend the stay-at-home order and the University would adhere to that new timeline. However, because Rindge students will be retrieving their belongings from the residence halls in the week ahead, we will not ask Rindge employees to return sooner than May 10.

Staff throughout the University who have been furloughed or have reduced hours will be notified by Human Resources or their supervisor when a call to return-to-work or return-to-full-time status occurs.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Franklin Pierce University, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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