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NEWSLETTER

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In the first month of our semester, it is good to see the majority of our campus is abiding by our community standards and protocols, which is critical to our success. As we move forward, everyone must continue wearing a face covering and practicing the social distancing to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 preparations in the department are:

Floor/door clings (mask/wash/distance) – please follow guidelines before entering.

Floor clings (social distance) – please maintain proper social distance: 6 feet.

Seating clings placed on chairs for social distancing.

Elevator door clings – two people limit on elevator, mask required.

Floor stand sign – (wear mask, wash hands often, and keep six feet distance).

Bathrooms has self-motion flushed toilets, self-motion turn on/shut off water faucets, self-motion paper towels dispensers.

Classrooms and labs has been disinfected, wipe down at work areas and seating.

Enter Only and Exit Only on doors for classrooms and labs.

Faculty and Staff has anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, face coverings, gloves, markers and pencils.

Workspaces in classrooms and labs are reconfigure for social distancing.

High traffic and public-facing areas minimize.

Remove high-touch communal items (coffee pots, water coolers); discourage employees from using other's office telephones, desks, or other work equipment.

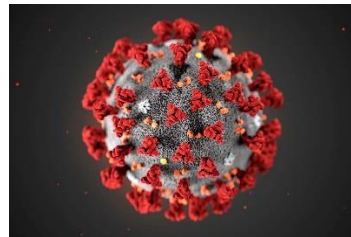
Symptoms may be flu-like, ranging from mild to serious, and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Avoid close contact with sick people.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick. Do not travel while sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- UNCP students may call Student Health Services at (910) 521-6219.
- Others may contact their health care provider or call Robeson County Health Department at (910) 671-3200.
- UNCP offers advice by phone after 5 p.m. and on weekends to help save students a trip to the urgent care or emergency department. Please call the nurse triage line at 1.888.267.3675.

It takes each of us to continue our education in an on-campus setting. Please do your part on- and off-campus to stay healthy and safe, and to keep Brave Nation's faculty, staff and students healthy too.

Be safe during this pandemic. We are all in this together. We will get through this together.



Emerging Technology Institute - Red Springs, NC



Dr. Steven Singletary, Dr. Siva Mandjiny, and 10 students (six – “3+2” and four - computer science) visited the Emerging Technology Institute in Red Springs on August 19, 2020. The students were able to fly drones, practice in the laser-shot simulator and heard about research/intern opportunities at ETI and the Army. Students also met with COL Michael Slack, commander of the 75th Innovation command. Several faculty members from Chemistry/Physics and Math/Computer Science were also able to meet with the ETI staff, COL Slack, ARO scientists and the UNC-GA DoD liaison to discuss potential collaborations and funding opportunities.

