

OFFICE OF THE **PRESIDENT**



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

First, let me start by offering my sincere gratitude for your work during this momentous year. I know the challenges we have faced in 2020 have not been easy and have not been few. Together, we've met them and found a way to continue working toward our mission and supporting our students. I am honored to work alongside such dedicated professionals.

The Emergency Response Team, working under the auspices of the Emergency Operations Center, has developed a comprehensive [Protect the Nest Campus Return Plan](#) which includes guidelines for classrooms, meetings and events, health and safety, and more.

We expect each member of our community to read the plan and adhere to the guidance for the safety of our whole community. Moreover, we are asking everyone to hold the University community accountable for adherence to the plan. If you observe situations where the guidance is not followed, please kindly remind our students, co-workers and visitors to adhere to it.

To assist employees with the information included in the plan, Human Resources has developed a Protect the Nest [training module](#). The training takes approximately 15 minutes. We ask all employees to complete the training by Aug. 31, and those who do so will be registered for a chance to win a Redhawk Prize Pack.

We look at this training as one additional way to communicate the guidelines, share best practices, and ultimately protect our nest and our community.

For the latest information, please continue to visit semo.edu/covid. As always, if you have additional thoughts or suggestions, please contact me. Once again, I thank you for your commitment to Southeast Missouri State and our students. I wish us all a healthy and safe semester.

Sincerely,



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