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Simmons Nation,

The leadership of the college has continued to monitor the status of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has worsened and continues to hit black communities hard, due to America's patterns of economic injustice. We have also been listening as our governor has encouraged remote work and as JCPS has chosen to go remote for fall.

As a result, to protect the safety of our students, faculty, and staff, we have made the necessary decision to go to all remote classes for fall, but with an emphasis on making as many in person support opportunities as possible available to students, such as library services, the computer lab, tutoring, and more.

We will be releasing more details about this in approximately one week, but we wanted to inform you of this decision now so that you can make plans.

We are committed to providing students with a robust quality learning experience this fall, but we must do this safely.

Please continue to register for fall classes using the advising link: [bit.ly/sckyfalladvising](https://bit.ly/sckyfalladvising) .

If you run into problems, contact the registration helpdesk:  
[helpdesk@simmonscollegeky.edu](mailto:helpdesk@simmonscollegeky.edu).

If you are expecting to participate in the September 2020 commencement exercises, please watch for an email invitation from Student Services.

We look forward to being with you this fall, even if we can't be with you personally in all the ways we would have liked!

Best wishes,

President, Simmons College of Kentucky



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**Re: Simmons College's Re-Opening Fall 2020 – Hybrid Learning Method**

Greetings Simmons Nation.

We all are saddened by the loss of 125,000 Americans and 500,000 of God's children in our world due to Covid-19, as well as all those facing economic devastation during this crisis. Even as we have prayed for others, however, we have had to consider what we should do about classes for Fall 2020. Continuing your education at Simmons is vital to your individual future and to your ability to be an agent of change who advocates for social justice in America

Our college has designed a flexible plan for fall that will allow students and faculty to be in class in person if they choose, or to teach or attend remotely if they feel this is in the best interest of their own health or the health of someone near to them.

Classes will resume on August 17th as originally scheduled. In-person classes will, however, end earlier than usual on November 24th, although assignments will continue after that date. Because of this change, fall break has been canceled.

To reduce risk, in-person classes will meet one day a week rather than two, but classes will continue remotely for the other instructional day. Sessions will be videoed and made available on the web. To protect the health of students and faculty, as well as the health of their loved ones, wearing masks while inside campus buildings will be mandatory, and social distancing is required while anywhere on campus.

A detailed plan will be released soon. We wanted to get this initial message to you now so you can begin to make plans. We will soon provide a comprehensive picture of the plans for fall.

In preparation for fall, all students must begin making use of their Simmons' email. This is mandatory. Only through your Simmons email will you our faculty and staff communicate with you about your classes, scholarships, class assignments, and important announcements. You will need to use your Simmons email to access our learning resources and learning management system. For individual help with your Simmons email, contact Ms. Vaughn at [svaughn@simmonscollegeky.edu](mailto:svaughn@simmonscollegeky.edu). Directions for setting up your email are posted also on our webpage at <https://www.simmonscollegeky.edu/students-4/simmons-email/>.

Looking forward to your continued success at Simmons.

Dr. Kevin W. Cosby  
President