



UNIVERSITY OF  
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College of Public Health

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Dear CPH Dawgs,

Welcome back to UGA!

Everything on campus looks different now. We are living in times like no other. We have the challenges of living through a pandemic and through racial injustice and inequity. Both are public health crises. But, as public health students, you have been dedicating your time and energies to COVID-19 response since the start of this pandemic and working to make our world equitable for all. Our world needs you and public health more than ever.

And with the reopening of campus, UGA needs you!

We will only be able to protect ourselves, protect others and protect our community if we work together to promote the behaviors we know to slow the spread of COVID-19 – wearing a mask both on and off campus, avoiding large crowds, social distancing, and good hygiene, and perhaps most importantly reporting symptoms and positive test results in DawgCheck. UGA's prevention and mitigation practices rely on these self-reports.

When you return to campus, we are asking that you commit to being role models for your peers in the UGA community and in the Athens community. You are future leaders of public health, but your opportunity to lead by example starts now. Be safe. Be kind. Support one other.

Let's show UGA and Athens what it means to be CPH Dawg Strong! I'm excited to join you in rising to the challenges we face and moving through them together.

Sincerely,

Marsha Davis, Dean