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The Protect Purdue Health Center, led by Chief Medical Officer Dr. Esteban Ramirez, serves as a 24/7 virtual center as MAIN POINT OF CONTACT FOR COVID-19 CLINICAL CARE on campus.

Protect Purdue Health Center

Purdue ordered, acquired and maintains at least a 90-DAY SUPPLY OF CRITICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. This included face masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

- The Protect Purdue Health Center has ADDRESSED NEARLY 25,000 PHONE CALLS since July 1 launch
- DAILY DASHBOARD is published to openly report COVID-19 cases for the Purdue community
- Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab was certified to test human diseases, BOLSTERING TESTING OF SYMPTOMATIC, ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

Healthy Campus

$50 MILLION / INITIAL BUDGET FOR PROTECT PURDUE TO KEEP CAMPUS SAFE

Mental Health Support During Isolation, Quarantine

- WELLNESS coaching
- ONLINE WORKOUTS
- COUNSELING and psychological telehealth
- VIRTUAL EVENTS
- E-SPORTS
- Steps to Leaps weekly WELL-BEING TIPS

Campus Culture

All Boilermakers signed the Protect Purdue Pledge as a commitment to FOLLOW ESTABLISHED SAFE HEALTH PROTOCOLS, including wearing a face mask and monitoring for symptoms daily — both on and off campus.

- Each Boilermaker will assume personal responsibility to Protect Purdue — OURSELVES, OTHERS, OUR PURDUE COMMUNITY
- We will CREATE A CULTURE OF SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY through a universal pledge
- Every member of the Boilermaker community will sign, take protective measures, and ACT ACCORDINGLY WITH PROTECT PURDUE PLEDGE and its components on and off campus

Learning and Instruction

We gave students and faculty a RANGE OF INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS as we welcomed our largest freshman class of 8,925 first-year students, contributing to record enrollment of 45,869 at our flagship campus. Our curriculum comprised in-person, hybrid, hyflex or fully online learning.

- SPRING, FALL ACADEMIC CALENDARS WERE ADJUSTED, eliminating breaks to reduce travel to and from campus
- NEW, RESILIENT PEDAGOGY MODELS blend in-class, hybrid and online features to ensure continuity of instruction for students and faculty for any eventuality, such as those needing to quarantine
- ACADEMIC CASE MANAGERS provide support to help students maintain academic progress in the event they are quarantined or isolated

Space for Isolation, Quarantine

- 1,000 ISOLATION BEDS set aside for students who contract COVID-19

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STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Residence halls, study spaces and recreation facilities de-densified, with prioritized room assignments for the most vulnerable
- Dining courts were carryout-only to begin the semester, with plans to phase in some indoor seating
- Partnered with Interfraternity Council, Cooperative Council and local landlords to promote safe housing practices
- ReEntry Purdue Atmosphere program offers safe events, performances and spaces for students to have as robust a residential experience as possible

PHYSICAL SPACES

Classrooms, living spaces, dining halls and libraries, workspaces, and laboratories were de-densified to allow for safe social distancing, with an enhanced commitment to the health and safety of our campus community.

- 800+ classrooms and labs de-densified by 50%, capped at 150 students, reconfigured to enable social distancing
- Additional barriers were provided in instructional labs and other spaces where occupancy of more than 50% must be maintained

WORKFORCE SAFETY AND PROTECTION

We moved staff to full or partial remote status, accelerating efforts to gauge long-term benefits of some staff permanently working remotely and of recruiting talented employees who may be unable to relocate to West Lafayette.

- 70% of employees are working fully or partially remote
- 76,500+ pieces of critical PPE items produced to protect individuals

COMMUNICATIONS

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- Since March, Purdue has maintained a central website to inform, educate and solicit feedback regarding the University's response to COVID-19
- University leaders have communicated regularly about COVID-19 with admitted and returning students, parents and families, system-wide faculty, and staff, legislators and media

Engage with Greater Lafayette Community

- Reached out to a broad range of stakeholders to encourage adoption of the tenets of the Protect Purdue Plan beyond the borders of our campus
- Partnered with West Lafayette, Lafayette and Tippecanoe County communities on ways to create a healthy and safe environment that protects Purdue and our neighbors

Protect Purdue Ambassadors

We created Protect Purdue Ambassador program, comprising 200 students and 20 team leaders from across campus, to help students align with Protect Purdue Pledge.

- Ambassadors have logged 2,000+ hours in support of the Pledge
- Launched @boilerambassadors on Instagram to share organic content
- Distributed 5,000 face masks, other items to reinforce positive behaviors

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Knowing circumstances could change at any moment, Purdue has a range of contingency plans in place should the situation warrant.

37 STUDY AND DINING TENTS AROUND CAMPUS PROVIDE SAFE, SHELTERED PLACES FOR STUDENTS

3,200 HAND SANITIZER STATIONS INSTALLED ON CAMPUS

1,300 PLEXIGLASS BARRIERS INSTALLED ON CAMPUS

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400 posts used the hashtag #protectpurdue in the last four months.

- Purdue posts have generated 10.3 million impressions and over 200,000 ‘applause’ (likes/comments/shares)
- 90 videos produced in support of effort since July

1.1 million+ web sessions since website launch

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