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Dear FHTC students, faculty and staff,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. These have been unprecedented times, which have brought new challenges to higher education. Our faculty, staff and students have adapted and adjusted and as a result of that many of our students will be graduating on May 16, 2020.

I wanted to outline our plans for the upcoming summer and fall semesters. The majority of our summer courses have been moved to an online format beginning May 26, 2020. Some of our programs will be meeting in a face-to-face format to complete hands-on components and certifications for their programs. Students, your program instructor will notify you if you will be having instruction on campus. We will be adhering to the social distancing guidelines given to us by the Lyon County Health Department including 6 ft. spacing, wearing of masks and ensuring frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer.

At this time, we are planning to resume face-to-face classes this fall beginning August 17, 2020. Our primary goal is to continue to provide quality hands-on education while keeping all of our students and employees safe. We are communicating regularly with the Lyon County Health Department and working collaboratively with them to determine best practices moving forward. Please understand that these plans could change based on county and/or state phases and guidance.

Please check your FHTC email, <u>www.fhtc.edu</u> and social media regularly for updates and information. I look forward to seeing each of you this fall!

Sincerely,

Dr. Dean Hollenbeck President, Flint Hills Technical College