



Dear Clinton College Community,

When I look back on the past year, no one could have predicted or prepared for how this global pandemic would impact how we serve our students and the larger Rock Hill community. In March 2020, we were forced to close campus and quickly transitioned to virtual learning for the first time. While we faced many challenges, we made the best of opportunities for innovation and exploration within our Clinton College community. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the resilience and perseverance displayed by our students, faculty and staff and appreciate the support from our alumni, members of the Board of Trustees and community partners.

It brings me much joy to announce a modified return to campus for the fall 2021 semester. The plan is as followed:

- In-person classes will be limited to students who live in the residential halls.
- Students in the residential halls will learn on a hybrid model, attending classes both in-person and virtually through Brightspace. **These students must be fully vaccinated before arriving on campus in August.**
- Commuter students will continue virtual learning through Brightspace.

Campus leadership reached this decision after assessing the state of the pandemic in South Carolina and evaluating the available space of classrooms and residential halls. Additional details of the reopening plan will be sent in the coming weeks and will be made available on the COVID-19 Reopening Plan section of the [college website](#).

Our ultimate concern is the safety and well-being of our entire community, especially our students. In an effort to protect our community, all students, faculty and staff will be tested before returning to campus. Testing will be made available on a frequent basis and social distancing and masks will be required.

Clinton College leadership and the COVID-19 Task Force will continue to monitor the cases locally and statewide, in addition to following the guidance of the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (DHEC) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

On behalf of the Clinton College leadership, thank you all for your patience as we know this time has been very difficult for many in our community – know that we are praying for you and we can't wait to see many of you back on campus in the fall. It is our hope that the modified reopening of campus returns some normalcy as we push forward to serve as a beacon of light.

Aiming higher,

Dr. Lester A. McCorn, President

