COVID-19 and The Challenge for Higher Education

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COVID-19 Cases and UNC System Schools

UNC System Schools
- UNC System

COVID Cases per 10,000
- 13 - 49
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- 76 - 101
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COVID-19 Cases and Community Colleges

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COVID-19 Cases and Independent Universities

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COVID-19 Risks and Policies among Institutes of Higher Education

UNC system schools, private universities, and community colleges across the state plan to open for the fall semester with varying risks for spreading the virus.

- **Housing:** UNC System schools will open residence halls at full capacity—which the CDC lists at “highest risk.” Duke University will reduce residence hall capacity.
- **Testing:** Duke University will regularly test students for COVID-19. While UNC System schools have no plans for mass testing, they have the capacity to do so if necessary.
- **Classes:** All IHEs in North Carolina will require students and faculty to wear face masks, arrange classrooms for 6 feet social distancing, and provide options for online and hybrid classes.
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