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COVID-19 Safety Act

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Whereas: Faculty and students returning to campus who are non-residential are not required to have a negative COVID-19 test before attending in-person classes.

Whereas: Students are randomly assigned housing in dormitories all across campus, often sharing public spaces and restrooms with those who they do not know.

Whereas: There is no way of regulating the 14 day at-home quarantine proceeding the arrival of on campus students.

Whereas: A 5-10 day window for required testing is more than enough time for students to spread the virus.

Whereas: Non-residential students will have the opportunity to opt in for COVID testing.

Be it hereby resolved by the Student Government Association of Rollins College - working, hopefully, with the 2020-2021 Covid-19 Committee - will

(1) Encourage the Rollins Wellness Center and Rollins College Administration to require ALL on-campus and in-person faculty, staff, commuter students, and residential students to have a negative COVID-19 test before returning to Rollins for the Spring 2021 semester by:”

- a. Informing faculty, students and their families about the protocols for returning to campus in Spring 2021.
- b. Providing resources, such as locations of COVID-19 testing sites in Orange County and at Rollins College, which will ensure a swift and convenient testing process for all faculty and students.
- c. Allowing faculty and students to attend classes virtually until they have a negative COVID-19 test.
- d. Adding “I have not received a negative COVID-19 test since I have arrived back on campus for the Spring 2021 semester” to the Campus Clear app, which would not approve students access to campus.

(2) Individuals who are unable to obtain a COVID test may obtain an exemption from the policy at the discretion of the Wellness Center with accurate and substantial documentation from a medical professional.

(3) Encourage and prompt the Wellness Center to diversify the kinds of COVID tests available for free on campus, including but not limited to, a throat swab, a blood test, and/or a spit test.