



# NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## CAMPUS REOPENING UPDATE

September 2, 2020

From the Desk of President Richard Gouse

Greetings to All,

As we continue to adapt to the many changes in our lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the administration, faculty and staff at New England Institute of Technology remain committed to providing our students with a quality, technical education while at the same time keeping the health and safety of our campus community at the forefront. This unprecedented time has presented many challenges, but our team has worked diligently to develop a detailed campus [Reopening Plan](#) based on recommendations set forth by the Rhode Island Department of Health and the office of Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo. We will continue to monitor our policies and procedures and adjust them according to governmental guidelines.

We congratulate the Class of 2020 as their achievements were honored at our first-ever virtual commencement ceremony due to the pandemic. As they move forward to a new career or continue their educational journey, we wish them a bright and successful future.

We all look forward to the start of our fall term on Monday, October 5, 2020. The Office of Teaching and Learning has worked closely with faculty and staff to establish a comprehensive class schedule that incorporates on-campus, online and hybrid courses. Each class will be delivered in a format that suits the material being presented while keeping the health and safety of all students and faculty a top priority. Administration, faculty and staff stand ready to assist students in anyway they can to help provide a productive fall term.

I would like to thank all faculty, staff and students for successful spring and summer terms. By everyone doing their part, we have found solutions to many of the challenges presented by the nation's health crisis. As more individuals return to each of our three campuses, we must now, more than ever, continue to do our part to keep our community safe by following all protocols and procedures outlined in our Reopening Plan. Please take a few minutes to review the [Plan](#) and make every effort to remain vigilant in conforming with the basic strategies needed to beat COVID-19:

- Wearing proper masks in the proper way
- Keeping a physical distance of at least 6' between us (very difficult, I know)
- Frequent hand washing
- Staying home if you are not feeling well
- Getting tested if you have symptoms
- Downloading and using the CRUSH COVID RI app

It is very important that we all avoid large gatherings, parties and events. This is especially critical with the upcoming Labor Day weekend celebration. As much as we need to be with friends and family, these kinds of large groups represent great risk of getting infected with and spreading COVID-19.

Please stay healthy and safe as we continue to work together in the coming months. Our success is totally dependent on your great commitment to keeping yourselves, your friends, family and the entire NEIT Community safe.

Thank you for “*Sharing the Responsibility*”.