Dear Rocket Families:

Fall semester is just around the corner, and UToledo has been planning for a safe return to campus for our students, faculty and staff. When the fall schedule of classes was originally developed, there were normal operations in place, and no pandemic with which to contend. Since that time, many things have changed, and we have committed to go forward in a way that will protect the health and well-being of our campus community.

As you already know, we have accelerated the fall semester start date by one week to August 17, to allow students to remain at home after Thanksgiving break in the event that there is a second wave of COVID-19 as predicted. We have been working closely with health and safety experts to plan environmental and social distancing measures in our classrooms. This process will help to determine the best way to utilize our available spaces to protect our campus community.

As a result of this work, there are several updates we would like to share with you:

Most large classes of over 50 students will now be offered in an online mode. This practice will help to reduce large gatherings, as recommended to mitigate transmission of the virus. Many other universities are following a similar guideline based on the recommendations of health organizations.

- The vast majority of classes for fall semester will continue to be offered in a face-to-face format wherever feasible. Due to the need to accommodate social distancing measures in student seating, some courses may have room and schedule changes. The revised schedule should be available online starting on July 10, 2020. We anticipate that these changes will be minimal, and in most cases will not impact or disrupt existing student schedules.

- When students return to campus, the Division of Student Affairs will be providing Rocket Welcome Bags that contain cloth face coverings, hand sanitizer and a thermometer so that each student has these available for use.

- If your student is living on campus, please ensure they have submitted their Fall 2020/Spring 2021 application via our online housing portal. Our deadline for housing cancellation has been extended to July 1. If your student would like to discuss their housing and meal plan option, they can setup a one-on-one meeting via phone or video conference with a residence life staff member. Meetings can be scheduled by emailing reslife@utoledo.edu.

- The Parent and Family Association is a great way to receive regular University updates and stay informed about the programs and services offered to your student. The membership is free; therefore, please considering joining our association today.

The health and safety of our campus community is and will continue to be the highest priority on our campus. We will continue to provide updates on our Rocket Restart website

(**utoledo.edu/rocket-restart**) as these become available. We miss our students, and truly look forward to welcoming you back to our beautiful campus for the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Karen Bjorkman
Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Flapp Cockrell
Vice President of Student Affairs and Vice Provost

Dr. Linda M. Rouillard

Professor of French
Chair, Department of World Languages and Cultures
linda.rouillard@utoledo.edu
419-530-2029