

June 24, 2020

To: Students, Faculty and Administration of

Sunstate Academy and Jones Technical Institute

From: Gregory H. Jones

President and CEO

Re: "The Right Thing To Do", COVID-19 Update – Face Coverings Policy

While Governor DeSantis' Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Recovery plan was successful in "flattening the curve," we are beginning to see an aggressive "spike" in the number of reported cases of COVID-19. While hospitalizations and deaths have reduced recently, reported cases are on the increase.

In an effort to assist in the "re-flattening of the curve," our institutions are requiring all students and employees to engage in the use of face coverings or masks. Effective Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> those individuals attending, working in or visiting Sunstate Academy and/or Jones Technical Institute will be required to wear a face covering unless they are in a room by themselves, in a restroom or eating.

As there is not a vaccine for COVID-19 and we must all remain accountable for our individual actions, we must do our part to protect each other. Most of you have heard the saying, "I'm wearing a mask to protect you, please wear one to protect me."

In speaking with a large cross-section of our students and employees, I understand that this policy will not be a popular one; however, "it is the right thing to do." If your education & training program, as well as the security of our employees, is important to us than I am confident that you will see the wisdom of this decision.

Pc: Governor DeSantis

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