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Dear Campus Community,

I hope you're having a great week so far. Today, the Pandemic Recovery Task Force and I met and decided to extend Phase 1 of [YHC's Return-to-Class Plan](#) by at least another week. This means Phase 1 will end on Friday, Sept. 4 at the earliest. An extension of Phase 1 will allow us more time to practice the most stringent protocols, as well as to gather more data, before moving into Phase 2. We will continue to monitor conditions and make decisions as needed based on the data.

In an effort to be transparent with the campus community about the COVID-19 data being collected, we developed a report that shows how COVID-19 rates in our campus community compare to the rates of our surrounding counties and the State of Georgia. The report will be updated each Tuesday until further notice, and it can be accessed via [YHC Connect under the COVID-19 tab](#).

Thank you for all you're doing to keep yourself and your fellow Mountain Lions healthy and safe. I've seen mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, surface sanitizing and more—all valiant efforts to stop the spread of infection. Let's keep Defending the Den against COVID-19!

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