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University of Alabama System Appoints Task Force To Provide the Safest Campuses in America

The University of Alabama System has created a task force led by UAB Health System experts to develop plans for the three University of Alabama System campuses –University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham and University of Alabama in Huntsville – to be the safest universities in America when on-campus instruction resumes.

Chancellor Fess St. John has appointed Dr. Selwyn Vickers, Dean of the UAB School of Medicine, and Katie Osburne, Director of Risk & Compliance/System Counsel, to lead this effort. The task force will consider testing measures, enhanced cleaning, classroom procedures, housing policies, security and wellness programs, and the provision of personal protective equipment in developing a comprehensive plan to protect students, faculty and staff. Other task force members include:

- Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, Director, Division of Infectious Diseases, UAB Medicine;
- Dr. Craig J. Hoesley, Sr. Associate Dean, Medical Education, UAB School of Medicine;
- Mr. Edward Crump, Sr. Director, Environmental Services, UAB Hospital; and
- Student health, academic and student life administrators from the three campuses.

Dr. Marrazzo is an internationally renowned expert in infectious diseases and has appeared frequently on national news as the COVID-19 crisis has unfolded. Dr. Hoesley oversees all undergraduate and graduate medical education programs at UAB and is also a highly accomplished infectious disease researcher.