Q. When will students return to campus?
A. The Art Institute will resume labs reopening beginning August 17th via a scheduling system that will be distributed to students. We are creating contingency plans should the COVID 19 outbreak and/or public policy changes prevent us from having students on campus. The pandemic has created the need to constantly access and readjust. We are monitoring the situation and seeking advice from medical experts and local government agencies at all campuses.

Q. Do I need to wear a mask on campus?
A. A mask or face covering that covers an individual’s nose and mouth is required at all times on campus, unless an individual is alone in a private office. Please see the CDC guidelines: http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf.

Everyone must also practice social distancing by maintaining a separation of six feet at all times.

Individuals need to practice good hand hygiene by frequently washing their hands for 20 seconds and/or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
You must monitor your health symptoms per CDC guidelines. Anyone who is exhibiting COVID 19 symptoms must stay away from campus.

Q. Will the University be providing personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks to the community?
A. Yes. The campus will have extra masks in the event you show up without one but you are strongly encouraged to bring your own mask.

Q. How will Ai make sure students, staff, and faculty are following health and safety guidelines?
A. Ai is reviewing a variety of ways to ensure the community follows protocols. Our campus will have a different look and processes in place to remind everyone of the requirements.

We will map out traffic flow to utilize social distancing. Signage will be placed throughout the building and floors as reminders. Excess furniture will be removed if needed to allow a layout that respects social distancing. Vending and social gathering areas have been removed.
Q. How will physical distancing by enforced on campus?
A. Many precautions will be in place upon return to campus. Classrooms will be modified for social distancing. Travel paths in buildings and around campus will be identified. We will all need to monitor behavior and be active bystanders should non-compliance be noticed.

Q. Will publicly used spaces such as bathrooms and elevators be cleaned more regularly?
A. Facilities is working on a cleaning schedule with more focus on areas that are most community used in the building.

Q. If a student tests positive for or has been exposed to COVID 19, will they be quarantined?
A. The University protocols will align with county and state health department requirements.

Q. What happens if a staff, faculty, or student returning to campus refuses to follow the expectations outlined in this document?
A. If any person entering an Ai campus who does not comply with the guidelines outlined in this document, he/she will be asked to leave campus.

Q. What happens with incomplete (“I” or “IP”) grades due to inability to complete lab/practicum requirements on campus?
A. If the term ends before a student can complete these requirements, he/she will be given an Incomplete (“I”) or In Progress (“IP”) for the class. It is the student’s responsibility to contact their faculty or Program Chair to complete the requirements of the class. If a student does not attempt to complete their requirements within two subsequent quarters, the faculty should meet with their Dean of Academic Affairs to determine if the student’s “I” or “IP” grade may be continued or will be changed to a Fail (“F”) grade.

Q. What should staff/faculty do if they do not feel as if they can return to the campus safely?
A. Contact Human Resources.

Q. How am I notified if there is an emergency?
A. In case of an emergency, The Art Institutes use the SendWordNow emergency broadcast system. This system, when activated, will send emergency alerts to students and employees emails and cell phones.

Q. Will I be notified if a staff, faculty, or student tests positive for COVID-19 at my campus?
A. The Art Institute will notify individuals who are known to have experienced direct contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19 and follow recommended local and state health reporting guidelines.