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### **Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) to Implement *Ochsner's Health's Safe to Return Employer Solutions* to Safely Return Employees to the Workplace**

**New Orleans, Louisiana** – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is implementing Ochsner Health's *Safe to Return Employer Solutions* to help SUNO improve and maintain a healthy and safe return of faculty, staff, and students to the campus.

"I am pleased to have Ochsner share its expertise in the fields of medicine, infectious disease, and social distance monitoring with our campus," said James H. Ammons Jr., interim chancellor of SUNO. "The health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff and faculty are among my highest priorities. I am hopeful that this partnership will create an environment that minimizes the risks associated with COVID-19 for the SUNO community. By having the medical expertise of Ochsner guiding the university with best practices through this pandemic, our faculty and staff will be able to focus on providing quality educational opportunities for our students," said Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr. Interim Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO).

SUNO engaged Ochsner Health to conduct a comprehensive onsite assessment of all its workspaces and provide recommendations that the university is implementing as part of its *Safe to Return* plan. As a result of those recommendations, SUNO is implementing symptom monitoring and temperature checks, mandatory face masks/covering, public hand-sanitizer stations, and physical distancing. The university will also implement enhanced cleaning protocols, changes to foot-traffic flow through buildings and on-campus pathways, and much more, to ensure all campus spaces and buildings support the health and safety of our faculty, staff and students. For more details, visit SUNO's website at [www.suno.edu](http://www.suno.edu) to view *SAFE@SUNO* plan.

As a part of its *Safe to Return Employer Solutions*, Ochsner Health will reassess SUNO on a monthly basis and provide updated recommendations as needed based on scientific data and CDC recommendations.

“There are many unknowns with COVID-19, but it is possible to protect employees and students, and thus enable a safe return to school by following certain safety measures and guidelines,” said Mark Muller, senior vice president of strategy and business development, Ochsner Health. “As a system that delivers health, Ochsner is proud to offer these resources to businesses, schools and organizations across the Gulf South.”

For more information about employer solutions, call 855-542-9108, visit [www.ochsner.org/employer-solutions](http://www.ochsner.org/employer-solutions) or email [employersolutions@ochsner.org](mailto:employersolutions@ochsner.org).

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### **About Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)**

*Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) was founded as a branch unit of Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College in Baton Rouge (SUBR) on September 4, 1956. Southern University at New Orleans has been providing accessible and high-quality educational options for the Greater New Orleans area for nearly 60 years.*

### **About Ochsner Health**

*Ochsner Health is a system that delivers health to the people of Louisiana, Mississippi, and the Gulf South with a mission to **Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate**. Ochsner Health is a not-for-profit committed to giving back to the communities it serves through preventative screenings, health and wellness resources and partnerships with innovative organizations that share our vision. Ochsner Health healed more than 876,000 people from across the globe in 2019, providing the latest medical breakthroughs and therapies, including digital medicine for chronic conditions and telehealth specialty services. Ochsner Health is a national leader, named the top hospital in Louisiana and a top children’s hospital by U.S. News & World Report. As Louisiana’s leading healthcare educator, Ochsner Health and its partners educate thousands of healthcare professionals annually. Ochsner Health is innovating healthcare by investing in new technologies and research to make world-class care more accessible, affordable, convenient, and effective. Ochsner’s team of more than 26,000 employees and 4,500 providers are working to reinvent the future of health and wellness in the region. To learn more about Ochsner Health, please visit [www.ochsner.org](http://www.ochsner.org). To transform your health, please visit [www.ochsner.org/healthyyou](http://www.ochsner.org/healthyyou).*