## **PERROTIS COLLEGE**

# **BACK TO COLLEGE 2020-2021**



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### 1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PERROTIS COLLEGE & THE AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL

Dear Perrotis College community members,

"Pessimism never won any battle," said General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States; a quote that I fully embrace in regards to the new academic year, which in itself is a happy and positive event.

The last academic year ended in the midst of a pandemic. With hard work and determination, we managed to continue providing knowledge, making an efficient use of modern technology. At the beginning of fall, we are ready to welcome our students back to campus. But the pandemic is still here and - as we proved in the spring - we are prepared to meet the challenge by maintaining and even increasing the health and safety measures.

We were very happy to hear that schools and colleges are reopening. An educational institution such as Perrotis College, "lives" and "breathes" through its students, "sees" and "feels" through their eyes, "is renewed through their constant thirst for knowledge". I am sure that our students are eager to return to our beautiful campus.

I want to reassure you that Perrotis College has taken all necessary measures to protect its students and faculty. This document is a summary of the policy that has been developed.

We are committed to providing the best possible education. I am confident that all together, students, parents, faculty and administrative staff will work together towards this direction.

We did it last spring. I'm sure we will do it again.

All the best for the new academic year!

The President of Perrotis College and AFS

Dr. Panos Kanellis

### 2. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Perrotis College community members,

The new academic year 2020-21 starts in a few days and we are all looking forward to welcoming you back to Perrotis College campus.

It is commonly understood that this year is special and demanding and that cooperation amongst all members of the Perrotis College community is required to make it a successful one.

On behalf of the College, we would like to assure you that all necessary measures have been taken - in accordance with the instructions of the Greek authorities - for a safe educational environment.

My warmest wishes to you all on the beginning of the new academic year!

Dr. Athanasios Tsaftaris

Academic Dean of Graduate Studies



### 3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Perrotis College community members,

We are pleased to welcome you to Perrotis College for the academic year 2020-2021. The College is prepared to meet the challenges that this new year brings, while maintaining the high standards of education and quality of services that have become the trademark of Perrotis College.

Your compliance to the measures indicated in this document is crucial to ensuring the best possible experience this year.

We are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration and a productive academic year.

Once again, welcome to Perrotis College!

Dr. Kontantinos Rotsios

Academic Dean of Undergraduate Studies

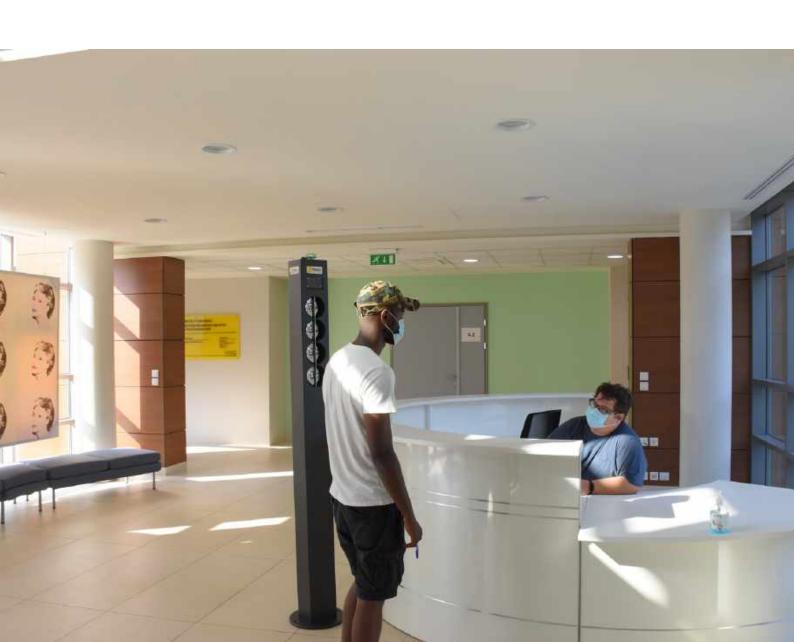


### 4. INTRODUCTION

Perrotis College begins this special academic year focusing on the health and safety of its students, faculty, staff and the wider community.

### Our priorities are:

- To protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff;
- To fully comply with the instructions and protocols of the competent Ministries and institutions such as the NPHO (National Public Health Organization);
- To ensure the cleaning and hygiene of the campus;
- To provide high quality teaching to our students using all teaching methods available;
- To stand by our students and their families as much as possible in helping them cope with this new reality.



### 5. SAFETY AND HYGIENE PROTOCOLS AND MEASURES

#### **5.1 DAILY STUDENT ENTRY**

- The temperature will be checked on a daily basis at the entrance of the building (Aliki Perroti Educational Center), with special thermometers that have been installed. The main gate of the APEC will be the only entrance for all Perrotis College students regardless of where their class takes place;
- Students who are found with a high temperature (37oC and above) or other symptoms will be asked to return home as a precaution;
- The use of a protective non-medical mask covering the mouth and nose is mandatory for all students;
- The use of a protective non-medical mouth mask is mandatory for all faculty members;
- Alcoholic antiseptics will be available at the entrance and classrooms, laboratories etc. and their regular use is highly recommended.

### 5.2 MEASURES INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS / LABORATORIES / COMMON AREAS AND DURING BREAKS

- The use of a protective non-medical mask covering the mouth and nose is mandatory for all students. The College doctor recommends that students carry with them at least 2 masks per day;
- Students should often wash their hands with soap and water for at least 30 seconds or should use an alcoholic antiseptic (available in classrooms, laboratories, etc.);
- Students should avoid overcrowding; maintain a safe distance (> 1.5m) during breaks; and avoid socializing with students from different departments, classes etc.;
- Students should go outside for breaks;
- Students should avoid sharing food or other items;
- Students are asked to not use the elevators;
- When you want to sneeze or cough make sure you do it on a tissue or cover your mouth with your elbow;
- Avoid touching your face;
- During labs, try to use your own equipment, avoiding equipment sharing where possible;
- Clean any surfaces and / or equipment you use in the classrooms with the available antiseptics with your lecturer's approval;



- In outdoor labs, the required safety distance of 1.5 meters must be maintained;
- Stay at home or leave the classroom if you have symptoms such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing and loss of smell / taste. Inform College Administration immediately;
- Avoid overcrowding in public toilets.

### **5.3 CAFETERIA**

- The College complies with the measures recommended by NPHO and the Ministries of Health, Education and Internal Affairs;
- Strict and mandatory safety distance will be kept in the cafeteria.

### **5.4 MEDICAL SERVICES**

• The campus doctor will closely monitor students for fever or other symptoms.

### 5.5 CLEANING AND HYGIENE OF EDUCATIONAL SPACES

- Regular cleaning of the classrooms, labs and common areas;
- Regular classroom ventilation.

#### **5.6 EXTERNAL VISITORS**

- Limited visits (visting speakers etc.) to the campus facilities and replacement where possible with online presentations, meetings etc.;
- Full compliance of any visitors with the relevant protocol of the Institution and the special measures and protocol of Perrotis College.

### 5.7. LIBRARY

The following instructions must be followed at the library premises:

- Use the secure book lending and book returning system through a designated area within the Hub;
- Stay at the points indicated on the floor for safe distances;
- Equipment to be used by students (keyboards, laptops etc.) will be covered by transparent plastic wrap;
- A limited number of students will be allowed at the main study area and in the common area.

### 5.8 RESIDENCE HALL

- The use of a mask is mandatory in all common areas of the residence hall (corridors, offices, etc.), except for inside the rooms;
- If a student returns from off campus, his /her temperature will be taken upon return by the automatic thermometer system located at the entrance of the residence hall. This process will also take place when students return after the weekend;



- Since college students are adults, it is their personal responsibility to inform the personnel of the residence hall if they have symptoms or fever;
- If a student has a temperature, he / she should leave the School to return home safely, either by his / her own car (if he / she is able to drive) or accompanied by another person. In any case, the parent / guardian or other relative will be informed. If the place of residence is far away (more than a 3-hour drive), on an island or in another country, the student will be immediately isolated in a quarantine room. Our campus doctor will monitor him / her regularly to determine the next steps;
- Special disinfections will be carried out in the residence hall, including hallways, common areas, offices, etc.. Students are required to keep their room and bathrooms clean. Staff will regularly check student rooms.

### 6. SUMMARY OF MEASURES FOR THE COMMUNITY

(STAFF AND VISITORS - PERROTIS COLLEGE & AFS)

Detailed protocols have been distributed to all staff and faculty members and will also be distributed before arrival to all visitors and suppliers.

- Daily temperature check of all staff upon arrival;
- Use of masks in all offices where more than two people work;
- Use of masks during meetings;
- Frequent cleaning, disinfection and ventilation of work spaces and surfaces;
- Maintaining safe distance indoors and outdoors;
- Use of mask by all visitors and suppliers;
- Temperature check of visitors at the gate but also at the designated entrance and reception areas of each building;
- Alcoholic antiseptics available in all reception and entrance areas as well as in the offices;
- Limitation of unnecessary visits and strong recommendation to be held online.

### 7. DISTANCE LEARNING

• In case of suspension of the Perrotis College operation, courses will be taught online.



### 8. EPILOGUE

This document is dynamic and will be revised and updated with instructions whenever is necessary in order to comply with:

- Any revised instructions of the competent ministries and bodies;
- Epidemiological developments;
- Any adjustments that will be deemed necessary in practice, i.e. upon commencement of the academic year and implementation of the above.

The above instructions must be followed at all times. Non-compliance will result in immediate removal from premises (absences to be counted).

