Resolution on Summer Terms Covid Protocols (3/19/2021)

Whereas, COVID-19 and its variants still pose a threat to the students, faculty, and staff of Collin College (1), and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention current guidelines indicate that the virus will continue to pose a threat for the indefinite future even as vaccines become more widely available, (2), and

Whereas, many faculty, staff, and students have already committed to working during the 2021 Maymester and Summer terms or attending classes at that time, and

Whereas, an increased number of in-person classes will be offered during that time, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that wearing a mask and observing social distancing protocols, in addition to obtaining a vaccine, remain important means of controlling the spread of COVID-19 and its variants (3),

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Faculty Council of Collin College, respectfully request that required masks and social distancing protocols be kept in place at least until the end of the 2021 Summer II/III term.

(1) Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 dashboard https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298 ab0 1e8b9cafc8b83

(2) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "When You've Been Fully Vaccinated," updated March 9, 2021 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html</u>

(3) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "How to Protect Yourself and Others," updated March 8, 2021 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html</u>