As we enter the 2020 academic year, it’s clear that the pandemic is still in full force. With many classes now being implemented in an online or hybrid style, weekly COVID-19 testing, record-breaking enrollment numbers, and Greek life being moved online, Rose has committed itself to the long haul with its new health and safety guidelines.

The seventh version of the Rose Ready guide was published on September 7th. Updated on a weekly basis, the campus guidelines covers Rose's testing plans, protocols for student life and organizations, and essentially anything Rose considers relevant to adjusting to our new health conscious lives. Changes made to Rose campus can be found when going through the guide… one change that I never personally noticed, or even thought of, was an increase to building ventilation in order to cycle in cleaner air quickly. Of all the colleges and universities in the United States, Rose is definitely one of the best positioned institutions to continue operating under the pandemic. The majority on campus student population of 2,100, private status, and relative isolation from Terre Haute means the frequency of potential exposures are greatly diminished.

When looking at nearby, large educational institutions, it’s a shame to see a lack of meaningful policies being implemented. Indiana State University has no form of pre-testing for students attending courses or a regular testing program for students. The Ohio State University can only afford to do randomized sample population testing. The University of Michigan is currently undergoing large organized protests and walkouts from student organizations and campus facility workers due to the lack of preparations and updates to their institutional policies for COVID-19.

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Africane Declared Polio-Free

Jonathan Kawauchi
World News Editor

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France Hits Highest Daily Infection Rate Since Lockdown

Young people gather at a bar in Marseille, southern France. (Image courtest of the Associated Press)

World News Briefs

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France has reported over 10,000 new coronavirus cases, the largest daily increase since the end of the country’s lockdown in May. Along with spikes in neighboring countries like Germany, Spain and the U.K., many nations in Western Europe are facing a second wave of infections.

The virus is circulating “more and more” in France, and will be here for several months yet, Castex said. France recently re-imposed weekend lockdowns and introduced new restrictions over the weekend for people testing positive for COVID-19 from two weeks to seven days. Health authorities will also hire 2,000 people to help with contact tracing.

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The coup was preceded by mass protests against Keita’s administration over corruption, mismanagement of the economy and disputes over legislative elections. Internally, the protests and coup were generally popular amongst Malians.

The military leaders would like to have the interim government last for two years while the international community is pressuring them to return the power to civilians as soon as possible. Earlier this month, ECOWAS had given the Malian military a deadline of September 17th to appoint a new civilian President and Prime Minister.

Emerging newsworthiness.

Tuesday at 5:00pm in O259
Aian Moulder
Entertainment Editor

Circa November 2007, many PC gamers were playing Crysis, a groundbreaking first-person shooter that made many people consider a technological marvel. In fact, it was so far beyond the level of a typical game that most consumers considered the technology infeasible of running the game on their PCs at retail. The extreme “Extreme”-branded GPUs from Intel, as well as Nvidia’s next-generation GPUs at the time, were brought to their knees by the game’s high fidelity set-

tings. For thirteen years, a running joke in the PC community has been to ask someone if his or her rig can handle Crysis. Nowadays, the joke is just a joke, as most mainstream GPUs can handle Crysis like it’s nothing. Luckily for those players who desire to push their hardware to the absolute limit and make no compromises, there’s a new kid on the block, and it wants to steal the throne that Crysis has so benevolently occupied for over a decade.

Microsoft Flight Simulator YTF, that’s right, the new, crippler of Computers, Destroyer of Desktops, and Harbinger of High Temperature, is not a flashy, flashy first-person shooter. It is instead an aircraft flight simulation. This new entry in Microsoft’s nearly 40-year journey through flight simu-
ation is the prettiest and most real-

istic to date, but that comes at a sig-

ificant cost. For starters, the game is only available on PC, because cur-

rent generation consoles have no-

where near the horsepower required to handle this monster (and I imagine it would be a nightmare to play on a typical controller). I personally run on Intel Core i9 10900K (8 cores, 16 threads, at 5 GHz) and a GeForce RTX 2080. Microsoft Flight Simula-
tor is possibly the only game I’ve played on my current setup that actually requires my computer to its metaphorical limits, and that’s not even on the highest settings, but rather one tier below which is still beautiful. In busy airports experi-

encing poor weather conditions, I have seen frame rates drop to the high teens, with typical flight frame rates hovering around 60 FPS. Overall, that’s not terrible, and with the data-streaming features turned on, the game looks absolutely incredible. However, your framerate is highly dependent on the streaming features, and slow internet connections re-

portedly tank the game’s overall per-

formance. Without the data-driven features, the world is still pretty, and your computer will probably not scream as loudly in agony. Arguably, the most important feature for making Flight Sim so beautiful and unique is probably the live data combined with machine learning artificial intelligence that it can optionally enable. If you take off with a little turboprop plane out of the game equivalent of the airport just down the road from Rose Hulman, you will see (more or less) correct terrain below you and accurate weather in front of you. The weather data is so current and detailed, in fact, that many players actually chased Hurricane Laura on her path through the southern United States just a short few weeks ago. Now, I mentioned machine learning driven AI, which was implemented in the game to fill in the gaps; the in-game version of the state of Indiana, some cities have photogrammetric models of the buildings rendered for you to see. Some cities, like Terre Haute, do not have the same tech-

iques applied. This is where the AI comes in: it is responsible for render-
ing cities that did not get that special treatment in a realistic and believable way. In addition, it creates extra weather effects (like rainbows after rain showers) and believably fills in bits of terrain where satellite image-

ry and photogrammetry fail. Something particularly amazing about this game is that it lets the player explore the entire planet to some extent. You can go wheels up from hundreds of different airports around the globe, and land anywhere. There are real-world cities, monuments, and natural landmarks exactly where they should be. How-

ever, the model isn’t perfect. Some map information is taken from open source projects with occasional ty-

pos, and this has resulted in single-

story buildings in random places, like the Italian countryside and the suburbs of Melbourne, reaching hun-
dreds of feet into the sky. These problems are few and far between, and mostly hilarious when stumbled upon. It does, however, break the feeling of immersion that this game is so good at giving the player. In fact, immersion is probably the most important aspect of Flight Sim. When I open up the world map, I pick a starting airport, an arrival one if I want, and a plane to make the trip. If I want to, I can start the flight from the runway, a parking spot, or even already in the air. Sometimes it’s nice to be able to hit the throttle and just go, but there’s something about working through a routine to start up the massive engines on huge airliners. Working the radio dialogue to tell Air Traffic Control when I would like pushback service, and listening to them tell me which path to taxi to the runway through, is amazing.

Flight Sim is not just a cool ex-

perience. It’s an important game, just like the people would consider Crysis to be. It stretches our idea of what a videogame can be by pushing boundaries and taking it entirely new. It’s not just another flight Sim numb
ing free to play battle royale, nor is it just another num-

bered sequel. Flight Sim is poised to become the standard for gaming as a whole, and the things that the developers have accomplished will hopefully be standards for years to come. On a level more applicable to you, the reader, I think Flight Sim is a must have if you consider yourself a PC gamer. It is a masterclass in simulation, and a boundary breaker to boot.
How Not To Get COVID

Just Please Wear Your Mask Okay?

Graham Hepworth
Staff Writer

1. Start by wearing a mask. While any mask, including the ones issued by Rose, will help, try to purchase a thick fabric mask about twice the thickness of a tea towel if there are medical supply shortages. If there are no supply chain shortages and you are free to buy them, consider single use masks or even surgical masks as they are by far the safest option available for consumers.

2. Stay socially distant. Your goal here isn't to be perfect, it's to ensure a certain radius to reduce transmission significantly!

3. If you're within 10 feet and shouting STOP. Silence is better than Singing is better than Shouting is better than Whispering is better than Talking is better than Shouting is better than Singing is better than the laughter you'd emit from watching the Adam Sandler cult classic 'That's My Boy'. The quieter you are, the safer you are.

4. If someone doesn't want to wear a mask, don't argue that it's not that bad. If you share in people's pain, they're way more willing to listen to you. It's generally a bad idea to belittle people's personal experiences. If they are citing incorrect facts, however, feel free to correct them. Or don't, I can't personally stop you due to the current halt on time travel research.

5. Roommates! If you have them, get close to them! Having your roommates as your singular addition to your quarantine circle allows you to secure your house as a place of normalcy. In my opinion, up to 3 roommates in your quarantine circle is manageable.

6. If you want to discuss living with for the duration of Covid, you may have an assignment due in the morning or that you just so happen to get a good chunk of 6-7 hours of sleep every night. Now I know that one of my past professors that said 'if you can't focus on your work you're better off going to sleep and picking it back up in the morning'. And I can attest to doing that exact thing. Since I've been budgeting time for sleep, my memory has improved ten fold from last year and I feel much more confident about the material I learned in the past week.

7. I know that it's very hard to make friends during a time that COVID-19 is a thing and that social distancing is being practiced. But I encourage you to try to find a little group of people to become good friends with, even if it's just your SAs and RAs [who are amazing peeps]. Making friends will definitely help in the long run, anywhere from getting homework help to just having someone to talk to when homesickness sets in. I've had lots of experiences where talking to friends made my day go from terrible to great.

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Make A Routine/Time Management

You probably did this in high school or maybe you're like me and thought you didn't but it was just a messy-check list of steps that changed every single day. Either way, this is the time to make a solid routine or plan on how to structure your day. A routine is one of the most important things to have going into Rose-Hulman, if you cannot structure your time properly, like I did my first couple of quarters, it's going to be much more stressful. And if you're not a genius like some of my friends are then budgeting time for studying, or going to get tutoring, is going to be very important.

Don't Fall Behind

I know, I know, easier said than done right? Well you may or may not have been hit hard during the first week at Rose but it's going to get much faster from here. To put into perspective, you are doing coursework that's supposed to be covered in about 16 weeks in 10. So, this goes right along with time management, if you fall behind it's going to be very, very hard to catch up. Thankfully, most professors are very understanding of freshman that are slow to adapting to that change, like I was. But it is imperative that you do your best to keep up and start things early, because even though you might have been able to do that first easy assignment in a day [that was assigned for a period of 4 days], it's going to probably take that amount of time for the next assignment. Now if you do fall behind, don't panic, you just need to realize this early in the quarter and let your professors know so that they can help you get back on track. But if you don't reach out, you might end up struggling like a did for a while.

Get Some SLEEP

And last but not least, please, please, PLEASE get some sleep I know that students are up at the wee hours of the night burning the midnight oil doing homework or going on food runs, but it's certainly not recommended. If you budget your time properly you should be able to get a good chunk of 6-7 hours of sleep every night. Now I know that you may have an assignment due in the morning or that you just so happened to forget that one important task, but I've got some good advice from one of my past professors that said 'if you can't focus on your work you're better off going to sleep and picking it back up in the morning'. And I can attest to doing that exact thing. Since I've been budgeting time for sleep, my memory has improved ten fold from last year and I feel much more confident about the material I learned in the past week.

I hope these tips help you throughout your time here at Rose-Hulman And I hope that going into the next week you can continue working towards adjusting to Rose's fast paced schedule. Thank you for reading!
A Reflection on a Remote Internship

Colin Beach
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The COVID-19 pandemic has clearly caused a lot of uncertainty and confusion over the past months. For students, their education has been predominantly moved to online work and are limited in extracurricular opportunities. But another roadblock for students this summer was keeping internships. Numerous companies had to turn students away or retract job offers because of the difficulties posed by the pandemic safety risk of in-person work, losses from lockdown, diverting attention away from new systems and precautions, and more. However, some students were fortunate enough to complete their internships remotely—all work performed electronically, often without ever having to leave your home. I was one of these lucky ones.

My original summer plans were to live and work here in the state of Indiana, performing research at a small Indianapolis-based company. But as the school year came closer and closer to an end, my uncertainty grew… the pandemic was not slowing down any time soon. I was doubtful I would be able to have my first internship. Luckily, the company kept their promise of hosting myself and other student interns, except now all work would be performed remotely (safety was the number one priority, and the company had already moved about 90% online). So there I sat in my room in Ohio, for two-and-a-half months, completing my first internship in a format I never expected. Was it worth it? Same as before, but from my experience, I say yes.

I will admit, performing research without a lab is difficult. But even though in-person experimentation is the backbone of most medical research, a lot of understanding also comes from knowing the background of your focus and the work of fellow researchers in the area. This research is the type I did. By the end of my internship, I had read dozens of scholarly articles, designed a detailed presentation and report with my team members, and participated in several important discussions with staff and community leaders on public health and education. I had also helped organize summer education programs for high school students interested in STEM (who were also trying to transition to online). Though performed in a strange, new environment, my remote work taught me that lots of processes can be adapted in times of need. And my experiences, though different than what could have been, will still help in classes, projects, and jobs in the future.

Of course, work efficiency is probably better if students have an in-person internship. Communication with coworkers you have never met before can be difficult through just email and video meetings. And goals on projects and objectives may need more clarification when a simple question cannot be answered by walking to someone’s office. However, the overall experience is not dependent on what work you do, but how you do it. I am proud of all that I got accomplished, and even if next summer had to be another remote season, I would mind it.

I am understanding of how some companies were simply unable to change procedures and policies in time to guarantee proper safety and effectiveness for new interns. But if they continue putting in the high levels of work they are now, I know eventually they will be able to offer positions for students remotely. Even after the pandemic fades, I think remote internships would be excellent opportunities to save money and reduce unnecessary travel. Not all would be perfect, but it would be a step in the right direction. The people I became friends with, the network of connections I made, the knowledge and skills I gained and enhanced, were possible through my remote internship.

For the students out there continuing to look for work: it is there, just not in the ways you might expect.
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TOP TEN People Better Suited for Presidency than Donald Trump or Joe Biden

1. Kanye 2020
2. Any dog
3. Any cat
4. Any Rose Thorn staff
5. Rosie the Elephant
6. Jake from State Farm
7. Who is this?
8. Its. Its Jake from State Farm
9. What are you wearing? Jake from State Farm?
10. Pikachu

Once upon a time there was a boy who slept...

For hours upon hours, oh how his mother wept,
For he had gone and did the deed and showed up much much later,
With a bucket of worms and a pole of steel he was the Master Baiter.

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BREAKING NEWS: Fumyuns Aren’t Real Onions?!?!?!

In a shocking discovery this past weekend, TMZ confirmed that now, as oppose to yesterday, 60% of new Fumyuns contain 100% less onion than before. In a surprise that comes to seemingly no one, the crispy ring of flavor is just that: flavor. Gone are the days in which you could bite into a crunchy Fumyun and know you are getting real, authentic onion.

The company released a statement earlier today, addressing the topic: “Honestly, if you thought that our product had any real onion in it to begin with, then you’re just a flat out idiot. I mean really, are you dumb?” Pretty strict stance if I do say so myself.

If you have an y questions, comment, or content, do not hesitate to reach out to Matthew Supp, the Flipside Editor, at suppmg@rose-hulman.edu.