Because public health conditions for Fall 2021 are uncertain, maximum flexibility is needed in the planning process.

- Setting the Fall 2021 schedule is a 2-step process.
  - Building the schedule (now)
  - Tuning the schedule to meet the expected public health conditions in Fall 2021 (May/June)

- Key Principles:
  - There is no good way to move online courses face-to-face once the schedule is open for registration.
  - We can scale back a mainly face-to-face schedule to meet any needed social distancing mitigations by moving some courses online.
  - We have flexibility only in one direction and we will irrevocably lock in our maximum face-to-face now
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• **Aim for a more normal schedule with a mainly face-to-face program.**
  • Do what you would do in the absence of social distancing mitigations.

• **Rationale:**
  • We can always dial back from face-to-face, but not add it.
  • If things improved markedly, we would be at a huge disadvantage if we were locked into a mainly online schedule.

• **Other considerations:**
  • Return to normal gap between classes because we learned that densities are so low with strong social-distancing mitigations and there is no crowding.
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• **Important considerations:**
  
  • This is the first pass at planning for the Fall and instructors are not locked into going face-to-face if it is in the schedule.

  • The campus has been sensitive to faculty/instructor concerns and they should assume that campus will continue valuing their concerns in final decision-making for the fall.

  • You will likely need to encourage colleagues to put forward a more normal schedule.