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When the University of Florida, in Gainesville, [announced](#) in July that fall-semester classes would be largely online, the daily new-case rate for Covid-19 was hovering between 60,000 and 70,000 nationwide. This week, daily new cases reached more than twice that number. Health experts warn that the country faces a prolonged surge.

But at Florida and other colleges, leaders have signaled to their professors that, come spring, they will be expected to ramp up their in-person instruction.

The reason?

An on-campus learning experience is critical to their students' success, these institutions say. That success, colleges know, is important for [keeping enrollments up](#). And in some cases, the move appears to come down to politics and money. In his [message](#) to campus, Florida's president, W. Kent Fuchs, said that offering in-person courses was the "best shared opportunity" to protect the university's budget and employee jobs.

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