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Hello!

It's finally here! Now that the shelter-in-place period has ended, in-person dining is returning to campus tomorrow! As a result of a review of policies by the COVID-19 Medical Response Office (CMRO), in-person dining will now continue even in an Elevated Risk Posture. This is a change from the fall semester.

In order to continue providing a safe dining experience, we would like to reinforce the following eat-in dining protocols:

- In order to adhere to COVID-related occupancy restrictions, reservations will continue to be required for PJ's dining hall.
- You must wear a face covering (over both your mouth and nose) any time that you are not eating. This includes when you are done eating or drinking, going to get more food, going to the restroom, or any other time that you are not actively eating and drinking.
- You should sit with the members of your pod.
- Please practice good physical distancing while waiting in lines in the Tuck Shop, the Pitt Stop, or PJ's.
- Seating in PJ's and the food court is configured based on Pennsylvania and University guidelines. Please do not move tables or chairs to create larger groups. They have been set to provide safe dining options for as many students as possible.
- We have added an additional roving Building Safety Concierge to work in the evenings to help remind everyone to practice good safety habits while in the Student Union and PJ's.

There's more!

Mountain Cat Appreciation Station – Every Wednesday in the Student Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Pitt-Johnstown President's Office is sponsoring a special treat for our students. Please stop by! See the attachment for additional info.

Special Events - Chartwells has planned a number of special dining events for the spring semester including a Valentine's Day dessert party, a Mardi Gras celebration, build-you-own Mac & Cheese bar, St. Patrick's Day buffet, Steak Night, and several teaching kitchens. Be sure to follow Chartwells on social media (upjeats) to find out about other special events and opportunities! See the attachment for the complete list of events!

Boost - While the Tuck Shop will be open for in-person ordering, the Boost app will continue to be available. Thanks to your input, several enhancements have been made to the app this semester. Boost is a great way to avoid standing in line. Simply place your order, wait for your confirmation email stating your order is ready, and go pick it up.

Go Green! – If you prefer the take-out option at PJ's, you can continue to have your meals to-go as part of the *Go Green!* program. You are charged a once-a-semester meal swipe for the container (it's green!) and then one meal swipe each time you fill the container with a to-go meal. Any time you return to PJ's for another to-go meal, just bring your container and you will be given a new one.

Check Your Balances! – You will soon be able to check your meal and dining dollar balances online. Once available, simply log into Campus Services at <http://campusservices.upj.pitt.edu/> for your real-time balances!

As always, if you have any questions or comments, contact us at upjmeals@pitt.edu.

Have a great semester!



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