Dear Pitt-Johnstown Resident:

I hope your summer is going well! As the University prepares to return to a more normal operational mode in the fall, mitigation efforts will continue to be in place to minimize the risk of exposure by our students to COVID-19.

As mentioned in the communication from Christian Stumpf, Vice President of Student Affairs, ALL STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS are required to disclose their COVID-19 vaccine status by using the online form available at http://campusservices.upj.pitt.edu/. Instructions on how to complete this process are available here. It is a very easy process and can be completed from your smart phone.

Because proper vaccination is the most effective mitigation effort, the University expects all community members to get vaccinated. Students who provide proof of vaccination (both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or one dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine) will not be required to follow any mitigation efforts.

IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED or FAIL TO DISCLOSE VACCINATION STATUS: Students who are not vaccinated, receive an exemption or who opt not to disclose their vaccination status by August 6, 2021 will be required to adhere to the following requirements:

- Submit a negative COVID-19 test prior to arrival on campus (more info on the testing will be forthcoming). Students who test positive will not be permitted to move onto campus until medically cleared to do so.
- Arrive on campus prior to the vaccinated population (arrival dates will be communicated soon).
- Complete a shelter-in-place period (7 days prior to arrival on campus and 7 days while on campus – a negative test 48 hours after arrival will allow the student to and participate in on-campus activities, including New Student Orientation, with a mask) once on campus. During this shelter-in-place, students will be permitted to leave their rooms only to retrieve take-out meals from PJ’s Dining Hall or other necessary health and safety functions.
- Participate in mandatory routine COVID-19 testing.
- Temporarily relocate to the campus’ isolation unit (or go home) for up to 10 days if a positive COVID-19 test result is received.
- Quarantine in their rooms for a period of up to 10 days if exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- No virtual learning options will be available this fall. Therefore, students placed in isolation or quarantine will need to coordinate arrangements with their instructors to make up missed class work.
- Wear a face covering at all times both indoors and outdoors.
- Failure to adhere to these guidelines could result in revocation of on-campus residential privileges for the semester.

To summarize, COVID-19 vaccinations are proven effective in preventing serious illness. Please get vaccinated as soon as possible, especially if your options are limited to a two-dose vaccine. Additionally,
the University is also offering some great incentives for students who disclose their vaccination status by completing the Vaccination Incentive Disclosure Form. Please note that the Vaccination Incentive Disclosure Form does not suffice for submitting proof of vaccination to the Housing Office through UPJ Campus Services.

**Remember...if you are vaccinated, you will NOT be required to follow the mitigation measures.**

More details will be sent to your pitt.edu email throughout the summer. Please check your email regularly.

Information on your housing assignment (building, room, roommate, arrival details) will be sent no later than the first week of August. Students are not required to disclose vaccination status to other students, but if a vaccinated student is uncomfortable residing with a non-vaccinated student, they can be reassigned to a different room. Such changes would remain in effect for the academic year. Vaccinated students who do not wish to room with non-vaccinated students will need to contact Housing and Dining Services via email (upjhousing@pitt.edu) no later than Friday, August 6.

Students requesting an exemption from getting the COVID-19 vaccine should complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Exemption Request available in the Johnstown Campus Housing & Dining Services task center at my.pitt.edu. Remember – students who are granted an exemption must adhere to all of the mitigation tasks outlined above.

Since the University is returning to a more normal operational mode, deadline extensions afforded last year will no longer be available. The last day to cancel fall semester housing and be eligible for a housing deposit refund is July 15.