

August 10, 2021

Hello Pitt-Johnstown Students,

Below are several reminders for the upcoming fall semester. Please review these carefully and address any items requiring your attention prior to the start of the semester or your arrival on campus.

VACCINE STATUS REPORTING

ALL STUDENTS (Residents and Commuters) are required to provide the university with a vaccination status. If you haven't reported your vaccination status, please do so soon. Resident students who haven't reported their vaccination status received an urgent message today from the Housing & Dining Office with a deadline for reporting their vaccine status

Your vaccination status can be uploaded at UPJ Campus Services (<http://CampusServices.upj.pitt.edu>). Please see the attachment for complete instructions. If you have difficulty accessing Campus Services, please contact me.

UNVACCINATED STUDENTS

If you are not fully vaccinated (or have not disclosed this information to us), you will be **REQUIRED** to participate in the following containment measures:

- **MANDATORY virus testing**—the frequency will be established by the university's CMRO, but this could be as often as once a week. Failure to comply with any required virus control measure, including mandatory testing, may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of access to University buildings and activities.
- **Contact tracing** to identify potential exposure.
- **Quarantine and/or isolation** if exposed or infected.
- For students living in on-campus housing: **Negative COVID-19 test results before arrival.**

UNVACCINATED RESIDENT STUDENTS

Students who will be living in University housing for the fall 2021 term and have not provided proof of a COVID-19 vaccination are required to shelter in place and have a negative COVID-19 test result to enter University housing. The process for testing was communicated to all students on August 4th and can be found here: https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/VPSA%20Announcement_8-4-2021.pdf

IMPORTANT - Unvaccinated resident students who arrive on campus without a negative Covid-19 test will not be permitted to move into their permanent residence facilities. They will be placed in temporary campus housing (subject to availability) and must shelter in place until a negative test is received. Please do not delay in ordering your test kits! If temporary housing is not available on campus, students will need to make other housing arrangements until a negative test result is obtained.

The Office of Housing and Dining has communicated to all resident students (who have provided their vaccination status) with their assigned move-in day. Please refer to the communications from that office for specific arrival information.

VACCINES

I would like to thank all of our students who have made the decision to get vaccinated against Covid-19! This simple act helps keep you and our community safe.

Vaccines are a game-changer. They protect individuals from serious illness, cut the risk of transmission and collectively reduce our reliance on broad mitigation approaches in favor of targeted containment strategies. This, in turn, minimizes the disruptions to our program and activities while ensuring the safety of everyone on our campus.

For these reasons, the University of Pittsburgh is strongly advising everyone in our community to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. If you are unvaccinated, please consider getting the shot.

The Covid-19 vaccines are widely available at pharmacies in most areas for people ages 12 and up. Please visit a local pharmacy to schedule your shot if you are interested. Additionally, our campus will be hosting an on-campus vaccine clinic at the beginning of the semester on August 27th. Please look for more details soon.

DINING

We have great news regarding dining operations for the coming academic year. All COVID-related restrictions imposed last year will be lifted for the start of the fall 2021 semester. Please see full details on dining operations for the upcoming semester by visiting:

https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Dining%20Update_July%2021%2021_web.pdf

FACE COVERINGS

- **Indoors:** Regardless of your vaccination status, face coverings are required when indoors, unless you are in your dwelling or private office space.
- **Outdoors:** Individuals who are not fully vaccinated, as well as those who are living with someone who is immunocompromised, should wear face coverings when outdoors and unable to maintain physical distancing.

All community members are welcome to wear face coverings based on their own comfort levels and needs.

Thank you for your patience throughout the last few months as we prepare our campus operations to be as safe and back-to-normal as possible. We are excited to have you return – enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Mountain Cat Proud!

Christian Stumpf, VP of Student Affairs