

July 1, 2021

Dear Pitt-Johnstown Students,

I hope you are having a restful summer and are making time for self-care, including scheduling your COVID-19 vaccination.

Each student who is vaccinated helps make our community healthier. We are continuing to focus on health and safety for the fall term, and our plans are informed by the knowledge that the COVID-19 vaccines are proven safe and effective. As Chancellor Gallagher shared earlier today, **the University of Pittsburgh expects all community members to get vaccinated**. COVID-19 vaccinations are proven effective in preventing serious illness (<https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/healthy-community/why-get-vaccinated>). **Please get vaccinated as soon as possible**, especially if you will be receiving the two-dose vaccine.

Students who have indicated that they will be moving into University housing for the fall 2021 term are required to complete this task:

- **Submit your proof of immunization through our UPJ Campus Services module or request an exemption. Our Housing office will send further details regarding how to submit proof of immunization or an exemption request.**

Students who are vaccinated will not be required to comply with most mitigation measures, such as COVID-19 routine testing, contact tracing, shelter in place, or quarantine when exposed to COVID-19.

Students who are not vaccinated, who do not disclose their vaccination status, or who request an exemption from vaccination will be required to:

- Shelter in place at home for seven days prior to traveling to campus and seven days after arriving on campus.
- Submit a negative COVID-19 test prior to arrival (more details about COVID-19 testing will be provided in July).
- Comply with additional mitigation measures to attend in-person events and activities, such as completing a second COVID-19 test with a negative result 48 hours after arrival on campus and attending events wearing a face covering indoors and outdoors.
- Move into University housing on assigned dates. **Please read the follow-up email from the University housing office with additional details.**
- Participate in a mandatory routine testing program throughout the term.

The University is also offering some great incentives for students who disclose their vaccination status by completing the Vaccination Incentive Disclosure Form (<https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/vaccineform>). Please note that the Vaccination Incentive Disclosure Form does not suffice for submitting proof of vaccination to reside in campus housing.

As of today, Pitt's health and safety guidelines on campus remain the same, including wearing a face covering while indoors. I will continue to communicate with you and your families throughout the summer about Pitt's health and safety guidelines. Please continue to take care of yourself, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Christian J. Stumpf
Vice President of Student Affairs