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Subject: Welcome Class of 2025 and some important campus updates

Dear students,

We are looking forward to the start of a new academic year and welcoming our class of 2025 students who will be joining our Larner College of Medicine community on Monday morning! As we prepare for in person pre-clinical activities, we would like to provide some recent updates to ensure that we continue to maintain a safe community and prevent infection and transmission of COVID-19.

Vaccination Status

- All students were required to submit proof of vaccination or request for an exemption by August 1, 2021. It is important that we are 100% compliant with this University requirement so thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Testing:

- Routine asymptomatic surveillance testing is not required but available to all faculty, staff, and students at the Davis Center. Please see link for [COVID testing hours](#) throughout the semester, however please see schedule below for additional testing that has been made available to students arriving on campus prior to the undergraduate students.
 - **Day-zero testing (newly added):** All students returning to campus for in-person curriculum must engage in day-zero testing within a week of returning to in-person curriculum, regardless of vaccination status.
 - (also newly added) We also encourage all students to exercise an abundance of caution in support of local community health and safety by testing anytime your return from any travel outside of the state of Vermont.
- Students who are not fully vaccinated are required to test every seven days.
- Students who are symptomatic should not come to campus and are expected to contact the UVM Student Health Center for COVID-19 testing and follow the policies regarding attendance [in the student handbook](#).
- Upcoming Testing Hours at the Davis Center
 - Sunday August 8th – 9 am – 5 pm
 - Monday August 9th – 7 am – 8 am
 - Monday, August 9th through Thursday August 12th – 11am – 2pm
 - Sunday August 15th – 11 am – 3 pm
 - Monday August 16th – 7 am – 5 pm

UVM Face Coverings Requirement:

- Per recent University guidance, as of August 5, 2021, everyone (faculty, staff, students, and visitors) is required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when inside UVM buildings, regardless of vaccination status. The University will continue to monitor the rate of cases on campus, in Vermont, and across the region and adjust this requirement if conditions warrant.
- Face coverings may be removed to eat or drink indoors, however please try to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet from others when eating. You must wear a face covering when you are finished eating/drinking.

Infections and exposure:

- COVID-19 positive students will be required to quarantine and will be informed when they are cleared to return to campus.
- Close contacts do not need to quarantine and will be instructed by contact tracers to test at 48 hours and day seven post exposure.
- The Office of Medical Education will provide support and resources to students who are unable to come to campus for educational activities.

CT campus guidelines/updates:

- All Nuvance Health staff (including students, residents and fellows) entering any Nuvance Health facility will be required to sign a COVID-19 Employee Self-Screening Attestation. Once signed, self-screening is required every day, every shift and for any length of time within the facility. Self-screening will take effect Tuesday, August 10. Students should look for local communications regarding designated self-screening entrances.
- Effective immediately, all unvaccinated students working in patient care areas are always required to wear N-95 masks and eyewear protection. Vaccinated students are always welcome to wear the N-95 masks and eyewear protection, or they may continue to wear surgical masks.

Shared Responsibility

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and to keep our community safe, this is our shared responsibility. Please remember to adhere to [the UVM guidelines](#) while on campus and continue to practice appropriate preventative measures off campus as well. We continue to monitor the updates provided by the local, state and national health experts and will continue to communicate changes as we receive them.

We are excited to welcome back our faculty, staff and students and look forward to connecting with all of you on campus!

With appreciation and gratitude,
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