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Subject: Important updated information about your return to the Vermont campus
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Dear Class of 2024 students,

In response to student concerns and in discussion with class of 2024 student leaders we are making the following changes to our previous communication regarding return to the Vermont campus.

- Students will be required to obtain a Day 0 PCR on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 . On campus PCR test at the Davis Testing Center is preferred, however a PCR test at any alternate location will be accepted. If you obtain a PCR at another location please submit your results to [StudentCOMServices](#) prior to Monday, March 14, 2022.
- Students will be required to obtain a Day 5 PCR at the Davis Testing Center on Monday, March 14, 2022.
- Students are expected on campus with two negative tests on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, for required in person activities. OME will work with students who test positive and cannot come to campus.
- Students who do not obtain a Day 0 on campus will need to complete an additional test at the Davis Testing Center on Monday, March 21, 2022, to be in compliance with current UVM Day 0 and Day 5 requirements.

We appreciate the feedback provided to us and your compliance with these new expectations.

Thank you to the student leaders who were involved in addressing this issue.

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Subject: Important information regarding Convergence course

Dear Class of 2024 students,

While preparing to welcome you back in a few days, we have closely monitored SARS-CoV-2 infection in Vermont and across the US. Considering LCOM students' clinical work and to maintain the safety of our campus, we have collaborated closely with university officials to increase SARS-CoV-2 testing for LCOM students, and to set an enhanced set of requirements and expectations.

We are counting on your compliance with the requirements and expectations listed below, which will allow us to continue your medical education and clinical experience in-person. Our decisions are based on current recommendations of Public Health and Infectious Disease experts, the Vermont Department of Health, and the CDC.

Convergence begins on January 4, 2022, and it will be **offered online**. Zoom links for sessions will be available within your VIC calendar 15 minutes prior to the session. The curriculum team will communicate with you regarding any additional changes. Clerkship orientation begins 3/14/22.

- If you plan to be on the UVM Vermont campus at any time between now and Clerkship orientation:
 - **Test Before Returning.** Before returning to campus, we encourage you to do a rapid antigen test. These are widely available. If you test positive, contact Student Health Services (656-3350 or SHS@uvm.edu) for directions on isolation.
 - Comply with UVM requirements that include a Day 0 test conducted at the UVM Testing Center.
- Connecticut campus students please see attached Nuvance COVID policy and any additional communication from Drs. Jon Rosen and Ellen Kulaga prior to your arrival in CT.

Sincerely,

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