

**From:** LCOM Office of the

**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 1:56 PM

**Subject:** ON BEHALF OF LCOM FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION: In-Person Operations in the MEDPLEX

Dear LCOM Community Members,

The UVM Forward message provided yesterday (directly below) provided the highly-anticipated clarity we were seeking. Work continues to prepare the MEDPLEX for the return of in-person operations by early August, and we ask that you please take note of the following:

- Classrooms and conference rooms are back to pre-pandemic capacity levels, effective immediately.
- In-person meetings are allowed at 100% room capacity. Priority of use will continue to support instructional purposes.
- Cleaning products will continue to be available for use after meetings.
- The COMTS team is working to reinstitute the audio/visual technology in our classrooms and conference rooms. After over one-year of low-to-no activity, some work is required to bring systems back up to pre-pandemic conditions. COMTS is aware of this challenge, and they are prioritizing bringing the technology in classroom space back online in the face of supply chain and staffing challenges.
- Please check your CatCard to ensure it has not expired as access to external MEDPLEX doors will continue to be swipe access. To renew your CatCard, please call the CatCard Office at 6-4509.

Sincerely,

Your Facilities Team

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:03 PM

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**Subject:** UVM Forward: Envisioning Fall 2021 Operations



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**UVM FORWARD**

JUNE 17, 2021



## Dear Faculty and Staff,

The last several weeks have seen remarkable progress in our efforts to end the pandemic. Outlined below are updates as related to fall 2021 operations. Please watch for further information over the summer. Unless otherwise noted, the UVM Forward plan for Fall 2021 will take effect **August 2, 2021**.

### UVM Forward - Fall 2021

**COVID-19 testing** will not be required of any fully vaccinated student. Students currently on campus who are not fully vaccinated are required to continue to test every seven days.

**Vaccinations** are highly effective and strongly encouraged for everyone. Once the emergency authorization is lifted, vaccinations will be **required of our students**, with exceptions only for those who receive a medical or religious exemption.

**Face coverings and masks** are not required on campus by **anyone outdoors**. Indoors, we will continue to require individuals who are not vaccinated to wear masks. Others may decide for their own reasons to wear masks. Please be considerate of those around you and the masking decisions they make. We all saw the positive impact of mask-wearing this year as we had one of the lowest rates of flu in a long time. Visitors and guests who are not vaccinated must wear masks.

**Physical distancing** requirements that have been in place since the start of the pandemic are lifted. Classrooms and office spaces are being returned to full occupancy.

**Visitors** including speakers, prospective students and their families, and candidates for positions no longer need prior approval to come to campus effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. While not required, we strongly urge that all communications to visitors encourage full vaccination.

**Gathering sizes** that were restricted for both indoor and outdoor events during the pandemic are lifted effective immediately. There are also no limits or restrictions on the number of individuals being present at events. Again, we encourage you to make appropriate decisions in consultation with your primary care physician and to be considerate of those around you who may desire or need more distancing.

**Events and meetings** sponsored by UVM departments and student clubs and organizations occurring on or off campus are required to follow all [current event guidelines and requirements](#) until Monday, August 2, 2021.

**External groups** may begin again to use the standard approval process for requests for on-campus events, beginning Monday, September 13, 2021.

**Plexiglass** that was installed at reception desks and other high-contact areas can remain in place at the discretion of the office or department. If you would like the plexiglass removed, please contact [Physical Plant](#).

**Signage and Stickers** that were installed across campus are being replaced or removed. If the sign/sticker is affixed to a structure (floor, wall, door), they will be removed by Physical Plant. Do not attempt to remove them yourself as removal may cause damage. If signs/stickers have not been removed by Wednesday, September 2, 2021, contact [Physical Plant](#) to arrange to have them removed.

**Suppliers, contractors and vendors** no longer need to be pre-approved by Purchasing Services for COVID compliance purposes. Vendors will be notified in early July informing them of this change and asking that they join with UVM in expecting their employees to be vaccinated. Vendors will be expected to follow all Vermont COVID-related requirements. Suppliers, contractors and vendors coming to a UVM facility or location who are not vaccinated are required to wear masks.

**Central COVID-19 pandemic-related supplies** will remain available through fall semester and can be ordered through [Physical Plant](#).

**On-campus mail service**, including FedEx and UPS deliveries, will resume effective Monday, August 2, 2021.

**Vehicle and transportation restrictions**—including for vans, buses and other work vehicles—are suspended effective Thursday, July 1, 2021 including

capacity limits. [UVM shuttle bus](#) schedule will return to normal summer operations on August 2, 2021.

**Hand sanitizers and wipe dispensers** will remain in place.

**Daily health screening** for faculty, staff, and students is suspended effective Thursday, July 1, 2021.

**Travel restrictions for domestic travel** are removed effective **Thursday, July 1, 2021**. Employee travel must be preapproved by your dean or vice president. At least 14 days in advance of any travel, you must complete and submit a travel authorization in PeopleSoft. Travel must not begin without official authorization being given. Any travel conducted without prior authorization will not be reimbursed. You are responsible for understanding and adhering to quarantining requirements related to such travel. At this time, UVM related **international travel** and fall 2021 **study abroad** will not be permitted. International travel considered essential will continue to follow the exception process currently in place.

**Building hours for operations and access** will return to normal as of Monday, August 2, allowing departments and units to make adjustments prior to the first day of classes.

**University Dining Services**, including catering, will return to normal operations with the start of fall semester. For information on hours of operation, check [UVM Dining Services](#).

We are confident that the dedication of everyone in our community will lead to a successful reboot of the vibrant UVM campus we all value so deeply.

