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To: USG Community

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Subject: Health and Safety Guidelines for Phase 2 of USG Reopening

As the number of people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine increases, the USG campus is able to re-open fully in Phase 2 beginning August 2nd. Montgomery County has the distinction of being one of the top 4 '[most vaccinated counties](#)' in the U.S., with 69% of residents having received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. As of June 29th, 67% of UMCP employees working on the USG campus (USG staff and UMCP program staff/faculty) are compliant with the USM vaccination requirement, meaning they have been fully vaccinated or received exemptions. Additionally, USG campus security and housekeeping teams were 100% fully vaccinated by July 9th. This is great progress. The county's 14-day average COVID-19 test positivity rate remains extremely low, at 0.7%.

Vaccination continues to be the primary way to prevent COVID-19 infection. Although indicators of the pandemic are improving, we encourage everyone to continue to protect the health of our community in the coming months. With this in mind, please refer to the following health and safety requirements for coming to the USG campus.

Reopening Phase 2 (August 2-Dec 31)

Who is allowed to be on campus during Phase 2?

As stated in the [Return to Campus Guidelines](#), anyone can be on campus during this phase.

- Those who are attending classes, staff, and members of the public may be on campus.
- Questions regarding access should be directed to Erin Ward by way of the USG Chief Operating Officer email usg-coo@umd.edu.

What are the health and safety requirements to enter the USG Campus during Phase 2?

- Students, faculty, and staff are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before the start of the fall semester, unless they have received a waiver for medical or religious reasons.
- Vaccination records should be submitted to the home institution's health service (students) or Human Resources department (faculty/staff). Medical or religious exemptions are reviewed and granted by the home institution.
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear masks when indoors.
- Regardless of vaccination status, all individuals are required to wear a mask on public transportation, or while participating in activities involving K-12 students.
- Superseding [Return to Campus Guidelines](#) issued in May, classrooms and other areas where people gather will not have a requirement for physical distancing.
- Students, faculty, and partner staff must follow their home campus COVID-19 testing and daily symptom monitoring protocols.
- USG staff must follow the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) COVID-19 testing and daily symptom monitoring protocols.
- Regardless of vaccination status, individuals with any COVID-19 symptoms should not come to campus, and should contact a healthcare provider.
- There are no testing or symptom monitoring requirements for visitors coming to campus. This includes prospective students. Visitors should be encouraged to stay home if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- There is no limit on the number of individuals at gatherings.
- Surveillance testing of both vaccinated and unvaccinated people may be required by USG at a rate that is different from the requirements of the home institution. Additional communications will be sent if and when a surveillance testing program is operational at USG.

We continue to actively monitor the latest information from the CDC, the state of Maryland and Montgomery County to help guide our decisions and expectations for the fall semester.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Karin Russ - kruss@umaryland.edu or Joyce Fuhrmann - jfuhr6@umd.edu.