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Dear Colleagues:

As we communicated last week, the University looks forward to welcoming those who have been working remotely back to campus this summer, with the goal of a full return to campus by Monday, August 2. We are grateful for the work of our Building Services colleagues, who have continued their daily cleaning and sanitizing of spaces across campus and have also increased the disinfecting of spaces throughout campus, especially those that have not been utilized as much in the past year. Whenever you return to campus, you can be assured that every step is being taken to provide you with a safe work environment.

Indoor mask use eased

Because of our high rates of vaccination, low campus case rates, and St. Joseph County's improved case rates, those who are fully vaccinated by one of the three vaccines approved in the United States (Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, Johnson & Johnson) do not need to wear their masks indoors, effective June 3. For those who are not vaccinated, to support the health of our community, we ask you to continue wearing masks indoors and encourage you to sign up for surveillance testing if you are regularly coming to campus.

This new mask guidance also applies to all research spaces this summer. Additional information will be communicated to research lab, studio, and core facility personnel from Vice President for Research Bob Bernhard.

Surveillance and diagnostic testing

As a reminder, COVID-19 surveillance testing (via the Joyce Center Gate 2 entrance) remains available for faculty and staff who would like to be tested during the summer. You can [self-schedule a surveillance testing day](#), for Mondays through Thursdays. The day you select will be your testing day each week through the week of August 9.

Diagnostic testing will also continue by appointment only (via the Joyce Center Gate 3 entrance), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call the Notre Dame Wellness Center at 574-631-0050 if you have symptoms or have a need for a test.

Vaccine verification

For information about uploading your vaccine information and convenient vaccination sites in Indiana and Michigan, please [click here](#). Please keep in mind that the deadline to apply for an exemption from the faculty and staff vaccination requirement is June 18.

Closing thoughts

In the spirit of vacation – or staycation – season, we also plan to take a break from providing weekly updates and reminders about the University’s COVID-19 response, opting instead to send periodic messages as needed.

For any questions that you may have in the meantime, the [HERE website](#) continues to remain a source of the latest information. You can also continue to submit messages to the Coronavirus Response Unit hotline at 574-634-HERE or email them at covidresponseunit@nd.edu.

We close with this photo of a very patient English Setter bird dog named Buppy, who is pretty sure there are birds in that box. All of you have shown even more patience with us than Buppy this past year. We could not be more grateful for your patience, creativity, and grace under pressure.

It is our sincere hope that each of you can take some time during the summer to unwind and spend time with family and friends. (We certainly plan to!)

Yours in Notre Dame,

Marie Lynn Miranda, Provost
Shannon Cullinan, Executive Vice President

