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Dear Colleagues:

We hope you had a pleasant Easter and were able to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful weather. Here is a brief update on several important issues.

By the numbers

The hard-working crew at the University Testing Center took a short break for the Easter weekend, so we will be closely watching the dashboard numbers this week for any uptick in new cases. The pace of vaccinations is reaching nearly 3 million per day across the nation, which is very good news. In the meantime, the number of new cases remains high in our region, and the virus continues to pose a threat to our community. It is critical that we all continue to follow public health protocols, including wearing masks and avoiding crowded places, especially indoor dining places.

Potential easing of campus health and safety protocols

Yesterday Fr. John sent a [message to all students](#) notifying them of our intention to gradually ease some of the campus health and safety protocols once 90 percent of students receive their vaccinations through the vaccination campaign on campus or other documented means. We hope this leads to significant enrollment in the on-campus vaccination program, which begins Thursday, April 8.

Campus vaccination program

Our initial push is for students to schedule an appointment at the on-campus site, but we have sufficient capacity for our faculty and staff to receive vaccinations as well, if doing so is easier or allows you to be vaccinated sooner than at other local vaccination sites. To schedule an appointment, you must cancel your existing appointment at a local site and use the personalized email recently sent to you from noreply@coronavirus.in.gov. Should you experience problems making an appointment, please contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 574-634-HERE (4373) or covidresponseunit@nd.edu for assistance.

Seeking vaccination site volunteers

The on-campus vaccination site is looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and to perform a variety of non-medical, administrative functions from April 8 to April 15. Daily volunteer shifts are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers will not be administering the vaccines. Several volunteer roles require using technology to manage appointments and registration. This system is simple to use and volunteers will receive the necessary training onsite. To volunteer for a shift, please [fill out this form](#).

Faculty COVID experience survey

Faculty members will soon receive an anonymous survey regarding their experience teaching and working under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions for the past two semesters. We want to assess the impact on your teaching, research, and creative endeavors; what worked and what didn't; things we could have done better; and, most important, ideas or practices we should continue and those we should discard. We ask that you please take time to complete the survey and help us learn from your experience.

Fall 2021 calendar

In last week's letter, we published a fall calendar schedule. It is available [here](#). Please remember, that while we hope we can stick to that proposed calendar, with COVID everything is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Closing thoughts

As we pass the midpoint in the spring semester, we are grateful to all of you for your continued hard work, optimism, and dedication to our University and students. Your outstanding support is a continued source of encouragement and provides many reasons to be optimistic for a more normal fall semester – and also, the daffodils are blooming!



Please remember:

- Wear your mask
- Practice physical distancing
- Wash your hands frequently
- Complete your daily health check
- Keep your scheduled testing appointments

Yours in Notre Dame,

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