

## 1/4/22 – IMPORTANT COVID INFO

Dear Students,

Happy New Year and welcome back to campus for spring semester! I hope you are rested and healthy.

Thank you for your ongoing safe practice masking on campus at all times, and obtaining your COVID vaccines. I'm writing to share our updated campus policy about COVID testing and booster vaccination for students based on new requirements from Governor Hochul and SUNY.

### 1. **Return-to-campus COVID testing**

- All students are now **required** to have PCR testing for COVID at the time of physical return to campus. If you have already returned and have not been tested, please get tested TODAY or TOMORROW through the pooled saliva testing available in WSK Hall lobby, IHP, library and other locations. This link provides describes the process, locations, and hours of operations:: <https://www.upstate.edu/coronavirus/intra/pooled-testing.php>.
- Students who have had COVID are not required to test for the three months following a positive PCR test.
- Students returning to campus at a subsequent date (which varies by program) must test by Wednesday of the week they are returning.

### 2. **Surveillance COVID testing**

- All students are **required** to have surveillance PCR saliva testing every week during the weeks you are physically present on campus, until further notice. This should be done at the pooled saliva testing sites (see link above).
- As above, students who have had COVID are not required to test for the three months following a positive PCR test.

### 3. **Positive test results:** Your saliva test results from on-campus testing will be communicated to you via email or through MyChart. All students with positive results will be contacted by Student Health with guidance about quarantine, return to campus, etc.

### 4. **COVID Boosters**

- Per Governor Hochul's order, all students are now **required** to obtain a COVID-19 booster vaccination as soon as they become eligible, which is 6 months after the second vaccination for those who received Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, and 2 months after your single vaccination for those who received J&J/Janssen.
- For those who are currently eligible, booster vaccination must be obtained **by February 1**. If you have already been boosted, or when you do receive your booster, please scan and upload the information to the Student/Employee Health portal at <https://eshportal.upstate.edu/> or you can email a copy of your vaccine record to [ESHealth@upstate.edu](mailto:ESHealth@upstate.edu).
- There is a vaccine clinic at which you can obtain a booster on TODAY, at Driver's Village in Cicero for Upstate employees and students. Information is at the end of this email. You must register to obtain a vaccine. You can also receive a vaccine at local pharmacies offering the vaccine, or through Onondaga County <https://covid19.ongov.net/vaccine/>.

### 5. **Masking-** Masking with a surgical mask supplied at building entrances is required at all times on campus. If you remove it to eat, you should be 6 feet distanced from anyone else.

We count on your help with these new guidelines and urge you to address them expeditiously in order to avoid any breaks in completing your program requirements. Failure to obtain testing or a booster when eligible will result in your not being able to come to campus and may impact your graduation.

Sincerely,

Dr. White