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Colleagues/Students:

As you are aware, Illinois is now operating in Phase 4 Bridge of its COVID-19 reopening plan, with the goal of moving into Phase 5 in early June. At the same time CDC, county, and local guidelines regarding mitigation efforts continue to change on a regular basis.

As President Dawn previously announced, the University is making preparations to offer “normal” campus operations this fall. We will communicate a comprehensive fall reopening plan, with concrete details and clear direction, in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we are able to share the following interim changes to our current campus operating procedures:

- At this time vaccinations will not be required for students, faculty or staff for the fall 2021 semester.
- The University will continue to follow the most current CDC and IDPH guidelines for facemask use as follows:
  - Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a facemask outdoors while on campus.
  - Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a facemask indoors while on campus.
  - All individuals who choose to wear a mask on campus at any time are encouraged to continue doing so.
  - The CDC currently recommends that masks are not required for unvaccinated individuals when social distancing is possible. [See current CDC recommendations for mask use.](#)
- For business operations, the University will adhere to [Phase 4 Bridge guidelines.](#)
- University-Related Travel
  - Domestic employee travel is allowed for all business purposes, and is no longer restricted to fundraising or recruitment. Note: ALL travel must adhere to existing University approvals and procedures.
  - International travel, for employees and students, must be [submitted to the University's Emergency Response Team](#) for review on a case-by-case basis to ensure adherence to any applicable CDC guidelines.

We appreciate your continued understanding and patience as we work to ensure that our operations are in compliance with government recommendations to the fullest extent possible and also best support the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff.

- CUC Emergency Response Team