

June 11, 2021

Colleagues/Students:

Beginning today, the state of Illinois moves into Phase 5 of its COVID-19 reopening plan. This final phase removes most of the remaining restrictions that have been in place during prior phases.

The University will operate as follows for the foreseeable future:

- All university events may be held at full capacity.
- Office capacity returns to 100%.
- Sodexo will continue to employ foodservice best safety practices including requiring facemasks for servers/cashiers and social distancing.
- 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 indoors or outdoors 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.](#)
- [The Early Childhood Education Center will continue to follow separate protocols as defined by the DCFS and the Illinois State Board of Education](#)
- 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.

Because we continue to have a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals on campus and individuals have different comfort levels as we return to full capacity, we ask that all members of the CUC community continue to treat one other with compassion and understanding.

A comprehensive fall reopening plan, with concrete details and clear direction, is forthcoming.

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