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Students, faculty and staff-

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, the University's COVID-19 protocols remain flexible and reflect the most-current data and information available. To that end, we are providing several important updates to spring semester operations.

- **COVID-19 Statistics Dashboard Update** – The University's [COVID-19 dashboard](#) now provides a more comprehensive statistical overview of CUC's current and historical position in relation to positive cases on campus and related operational data. In addition, to provide the most accurate data based off of increased COVID-19 testing on campus, the dashboard will now be updated on Monday afternoons. The dashboard remains available via the dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#).
- **Athletic/Music Event Attendance** – During the first two weeks of the semester (Jan 11-22) attendance at athletic and music games/performances remains suspended. This will allow for a post-holiday resocialization period and for the University to gauge the related spread of positive cases on campus. The Emergency Response team will continuously evaluate COVID-19 case data with the goal of allowing attendance during the semester.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine** – Various COVID-19 vaccines will continue to become available in 2021. Members of the University community may choose to receive a vaccine in consultation with their personal physician and/or based on phased population availability as determined by individual state and local health authorities. The University is currently investigating solutions for delivering vaccines on campus and will provide related updates in the future. Additional information:
  - [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Website](#)
  - [IDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Website](#)
- **Foodservice** – Adjusting to our new, temporary foodservice configuration in KCC, we recognize that there are capacity limitations during peak meal times. To continue to ensure a safe dining environment, we recommend the following:
  - In order to adhere to social distancing practices, diners should:
    - Eat their meals in the KCC and leave after dining is complete
    - Utilizing additional seating in Room 10 and on the KCC main level
    - Consider taking meals to go
  - Table/Chair Spacing – Tables and chairs are arranged to allow for maximum occupancy while also maintaining safe social distancing standards. Diners SHOULD NOT rearrange tables, chairs and/or seating areas.

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- **#CampusClear Daily Screening** – All members of the CUC community continue to be responsible for conducting a daily personal health assessment via the **#CampusClear** smartphone app. The daily assessment should be conducted:
  - Prior to arriving on campus for students, faculty and staff who are commuting from an off-campus location, OR
  - Prior to leaving an on-campus residence hall each morning for residential studentsAdditional information about **#CampusClear** is available in the comprehensive [Spring Return to Campus Plan](#).
- **Personal Safety Measures** – Our actions as individuals remain the most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Be sure to continue to:
  - **Practice Social Distancing** – This is perhaps the most important step we can all take right now, especially as we remain inside during the winter months. Stay at least six feet apart from one another at all times—including during in-person classes, while dining, in offices, in residence hall rooms and when studying.
  - **Wear a Face Mask** – A reminder that face masks are required to be worn on campus at all times, both indoors and outdoors (except when eating or drinking). Masks should cover both your nose and mouth to prevent the expiration of droplets into the air.
  - **Make Wise Lifestyle Choices** – We recognize the temptation to let your guard down around friends and family or to attend social events as pandemic fatigue sets in. The conscientious choices you make to limit your exposure to COVID-19 can have a huge impact on others around you.
- **Cougar Care Commitment** – We have an obligation to protect our own health and well-being as well as that of all members of the University and broader communities. We remain dedicated to this endeavor through the [Cougar Care Commitment](#). Learn more by watching (or re-watching) the [related video](#).

- CUC Emergency Response Team