

Subject Line: COVID-19 Update & Social Gatherings
Sent to All Students: August 27, 2021

The following message is sent to all students and copied to faculty and staff.

Dear Students:

This weekend, many of our students will begin arriving on campus for the start of a new semester. Even before we officially open for the fall, our community has already achieved significant milestones. Over the summer, we asked that everyone consider being vaccinated before the start of the 2021 academic year. As of today, 83% of our full-time faculty and staff are vaccinated; 77% of our resident students are vaccinated; 45% of our overall student body is vaccinated and records continue to come in every day! I am proud of how our community continues to follow the science in fighting COVID and has embraced our campus protocols.

With the announcement of Pfizer receiving full FDA approval, we again ask that everyone get vaccinated and submit their [vaccination records](#). Colleges and universities across New York State have moved to fully vaccinated campuses and legislation at the state level may mandate such. The time is now to assist in ending this public health emergency. The science tells us that while some vaccinated individuals may get COVID, their symptoms are far less severe, and symptoms requiring hospitalizations are rare.

I again want to remind you of the below Stay Safe Protocol. In addition, please be reminded that any social gathering that includes individuals who are not your housemates/roommates, you must take all of the following actions:

- Wear a mask at all times!
- Limit numbers in social gatherings and when possible hold such outdoors.

What are the consequences for failing to comply?

Non-compliant gatherings pose a risk to our entire community. Behaviors that violate these guidelines will result in disciplinary action, including:

- If you organize or host an off-campus party or gathering at your residence or other venue that does not comply with COVID-19 protocols, and/or the Stay Safe Protocol, you risk suspension and possibly dismissal from the College.
- If you organize or host a party or gathering in your on-campus residence hall that does not comply with New York State COVID-19 guidance, and/or the Stay Safe Protocol, you will be removed from College housing and be subject to suspension and possibly dismissal from the College.
- If you attend a gathering that does not comply, whether on or off campus, you risk serious disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct for also failing to comply.

While this year continues to look and feel a little different, what remains the same is the sense of community and how each of us must do our part to keep the Medaille community safe. As we prepare for a semester full of campus activities, I am filled with optimism that we each can do our part to ensure we have the best semester as possible.

Please do your part!

Stay Safe Mavericks



How to Stay Safe

- Maintain distancing from others when possible, holding gatherings outside when weather permits.
- If gathering with people outside of my residence, practice distancing and limit gatherings.
- Wash my hands regularly and clean any surfaces I touch.
- Monitor my health on a daily basis for symptoms of COVID-19, and report symptoms and/or close contact to the Student Health Center using the links at the bottom of the [College Website](#).

How to Keep the Medaille Community Safe

- Wear a mask or face covering while on campus.
- Wear a mask or face covering off campus where physical distancing measures cannot be maintained.
- Adhere to all directives and College guidance if a need arises to be quarantined or isolated.
- Don't attend classes or participate in extracurricular activities if exhibiting any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, are awaiting test results, or test positive for the virus.
- Participate in any testing required throughout the academic year.
- Fully and honestly participate in contact tracing.
- Encourage others to follow these guidelines.
- Follow any new directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or New York State that become public during the semester.

Be Well,



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