

Office of Health Affairs
Office of Student Health Services
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Dear UNE Community,

As we conclude the spring 2021 semester and welcome students to campus this week for the start of a number of academic programs and research experiences, we are writing with important updates to the **UNE Onward Plan**.

Masking

As of today, May 17, masks will not be required outdoors on UNE's campuses, but they will continue to be required at all indoor locations on campus. While masks outdoors will not be required, it is important that at UNE we create a culture that does not shame or discourage people from wearing masks to protect their health and the health of others if they choose to do so.

Vaccination Requirement

The deadline for members of the UNE community to be fully vaccinated is August 16, and we encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as possible. We will offer vaccination to students engaged in academic programs over the summer as part of their onboarding process. Students, faculty, and professional staff can also make an appointment to get vaccinated through the Student Health Center. Once vaccinated, students should upload a copy of their vaccine card to the student health portal: une.medicatconnect.com

The University is developing protocols for students and employees to request medical or religious exemptions to the policy and for employees to report their vaccination status. We will provide an update in the coming weeks, so please continue to monitor your email.

COVID-19 Case Reporting

Today, we will provide a final update to the UNE Onward case reporting dashboard. The University will continue to track positive cases of the virus among our population, but we anticipate the majority of students and employees on our campuses to be vaccinated over the summer, with vaccination required by August 16. As a result, we anticipate very low incidence of the virus and no community transmission on campus.

Events and Campus Activities

Over the coming weeks, you will see a gradual increase in various types of activities on our campuses. UNE will continue to restrict visitors from our campuses unless they have reason to be present for official business, but some previously prohibited activities will be permitted to resume. For examples, Conference Services will resume scheduling events for external groups in accordance with CDC and state guidance. Admissions will resume group tours with limited access to campus facilities. Some internal, in-person

events will likewise be permitted. Requests to hold events should be made through Vice President for University Operations Alan Thibeault at athibeault@une.edu.

We thank you for your adherence to the UNE Onward Plan, and we look forward to a wonderful summer on our beautiful campuses.

Sincerely,

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