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Dear UNE Community,

In early May, we announced that we would require COVID-19 vaccination for all on-campus students and employees. We made the intentional decision to announce the requirement early to ensure that our community would have ample time to get vaccinated before the start of the fall semester.

**I am thrilled to announce that students are now 100% compliant with UNE's COVID-19 vaccination policy.** Employees are extremely close to reaching that milestone as well, with a very small number of individuals working with Human Resources to reach compliance. With the few exemptions among students and employees, this brings our overall vaccination rate for the UNE Community to more than 98%.

I want to commend you, our students, faculty, and professional staff, for being proactive and taking this vital step to protect yourselves, your peers, and the community at large against COVID-19. I also want to extend my appreciation to the many units who supported this effort. UNE's extremely high vaccination rate demonstrates our leadership and commitment to public health, and I could not be prouder of this extraordinary community.

We will continue to prioritize the health and safety of students, faculty, and professional staff as we frequently and regularly evaluate our COVID-19 policies. Thank you again for your cooperation with those policies and for the enthusiasm you have already brought to our campuses this semester. I am looking forward to all that lies ahead.

Sincerely,

James D. Herbert  
*President*