



Dear UNE Community,

With many academic programs well underway this summer, and as we prepare to welcome more students back to our campuses this fall, I am writing to provide an update on UNE's COVID-19 protocols. You can find more details at une.edu/onward.

VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

UNE will continue to require employees and students (with the exception of UNE Online students) to be fully vaccinated, which means you have received the primary single or two-dose series of COVID-19 vaccinations. In accordance with CDC guidelines, the University also strongly recommends students and employees to be up to date on COVID-19 boosters, which means receiving all boosters that you are eligible for. We will continue to monitor the data and latest CDC guidelines, and may need to require boosters in the future. **Please visit the CDC website for more information on vaccines.**

Students who have not already done so must upload a copy of their vaccine card to the Student Health Portal. We also ask that students report all booster vaccines through the Student Health Portal. Benefit-eligible **employees must enter their vaccination information and upload an image of their vaccination card in PeopleAdmin**, the system established by UNE to track vaccine information for employees. **Detailed instructions (PDF) are available.**

The University will allow for religious and medical (if approved by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) exemptions to the policy, but vaccination may still be required for specific clinical and academic programs and activities. Therefore, students in health professions programs who are not fully vaccinated and up to date on boosters may not be able to fulfill their graduation requirements. Vaccination will also be required to participate in certain voluntary activities and programs.

MASKS

Mask wearing is welcomed, but not required, on most spaces on campus. Masks will continue to be required in health care settings (i.e., Student Health Centers, Oral Health Center, OMM clinic, dental hygiene clinics, athletic training room, etc.).

WHAT TO DO IF YOU TEST POSITIVE

Students and employees who test positive must isolate for five days following their positive test. Students who have tested positive through a test administered at UNE will be informed of their test results by University personnel and will be advised of when their period of isolation will conclude. Students who test positive through a home test or a test administered off campus **must upload their test results to the**

Student Health Portal, where they will be prompted to schedule a phone call with Student Health Services to confirm their isolation period. Employees who test positive should report their status to their supervisor and can contact Human Resources at hr-covid19questions@une.edu with any questions.

As we have learned over the course of this pandemic, we cannot completely eradicate instances of the virus in our local community or on our campuses. Our goal is to avoid transmission among known positive cases and to prevent serious illness and hospitalization. We are grateful to have reached a stage of the pandemic when we have widely available vaccines, the continued development and improvement of boosters, and therapeutics to treat illness from COVID-19 so that we can continue to fulfill our mission. As we have throughout the course of the pandemic, we will monitor the situation and will modify our policies as needed.

Sincerely,

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