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**To** Providence Campus Community

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**Re** Planning for Fall Semester

Last March, we could not have predicted that one year later we would still be wearing masks, physical distancing, and reminding each other that “you are on mute” during a remote Zoom classroom session or meeting. During these months, we all looked forward to the time when life would return to normal.

As the COVID vaccine becomes more available, state governments are beginning to relax some restrictions that have been imposed to protect public health. Based on where Rhode Island is today, we anticipate that we will return to full operations in the fall, with courses being offered in-person as well as through hybrid delivery. We look forward to our DOWNCITY and Harborside campuses being energized with students as we again offer the traditional college experience inside and outside of the classroom. In May, we will announce our plans for summer orientation to welcome our new Wildcats to JWU.

Another sign of life returning to normal is the resumption of certain competitive outdoor sporting events. Our men’s baseball, women’s softball and both women’s and men’s lacrosse teams will compete this spring in a compressed regional schedule.

The summer session will continue to be fully remote, giving students the option to pick up extra courses and accelerate their graduation date; [registration](#) is open now. For the fall semester, select study abroad opportunities will be available for eligible students, who will need to be vaccinated to participate. All of the planning for the summer and fall is dependent on the guidance, restrictions, and health protocols that may be put in place by federal, state, and local governments. Although we hope it will not happen, we will be prepared to transition to a remote environment as needed. Should there be any changes to our plans, we will communicate them promptly.

Students, faculty, and staff: I cannot thank you all enough for your continued diligence and compliance to health protocols throughout these months of the pandemic. While we must remain vigilant, there is light at the end of this long tunnel, and we are getting there **#InThisTogetherJWU**.