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Memo

To Providence Campus Community

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Re Looking to 2021

As an unprecedented fall semester nears a close, we welcome the holiday season and a much needed break. Although at times it felt that we were presented with an insurmountable challenge, our Wildcat community came together to overcome. I cannot thank our community enough for all your efforts in making this a successful semester. Over the next few weeks, I hope you will find time to relax, recharge and spend time with loved ones. While challenges still lie ahead, hope is on the horizon.

The spring semester will require the same commitment and fortitude as the fall. The JWU community should begin monitoring their symptoms using the university's COVID-19 screening questionnaire two weeks prior to arriving on campus. As a reminder, the first day of class for the spring semester is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Students enrolled in lab courses will begin on January 19 (in person). Students taking in-person academic courses will do so remotely for the first week.

For faculty and staff who plan to travel during the holiday, please remember that you must follow Rhode Island Department of Health [travel guidelines](#) and may need to quarantine before you can return to campus. Please consult with your manager and Human Resources if your role requires you to be on campus.

All students arriving from outside Rhode Island, whether residing on campus or off, must complete a quarantine requirement. A negative point of origin COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival to Rhode Island will also be required. Anyone whose test is positive must contact [health services](#) to discuss next steps. Students planning to reside on campus can do so beginning January 4 (students in need of on-campus housing should contact Residential Life at reslife.pvd@jwu.edu). Students, please monitor your JWU email for detailed instructions, which will be sent to you later this week.

COVID-19 sentinel testing will continue through the spring semester, as will our [COVID-19 protocol](#). Our diligence with ongoing testing and wearing masks during the fall effectively helped to minimize the spread of the virus. As the winter months approach and we prepare for the spring semester, please continue the health practices you have adopted at JWU to keep yourselves, your friends and loved ones safe.

The year 2020 has certainly tested us on many levels, but I remain humbled by our Wildcat community's response. Thank you, again, for your sacrifices and resolve. Continue to stay vigilant and safe. COVID-19 guidelines are subject to changes from local and federal agencies. The university will keep you informed as necessary and asks that you continue to check your JWU email, [jwuLink](#) and the [JWU Mobile app](#) throughout the break for updates.

Wishing our students best of luck with final exams this week and everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. **#InThisTogetherJWU**