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PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

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Memo

To Providence Campus Community

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Re Remote Start January 10 to January 17

As we conclude our holiday break, Johnson & Wales University staff will return on Monday, January 3, 2022 and the majority of students will return to campus on or around January 8.

To begin our spring semester with a safe and healthy campus environment for all, we have made a decision to begin the semester with remote learning to allow all students, faculty and staff sufficient time to obtain a COVID-19 test upon return to campus. Classes will still begin remotely on Monday, January 10, but will transition back to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 18 (following the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 17). Students will receive a message from their respective colleges regarding expectations for this week of remote learning.

Despite this delayed in-person start, **students returning to campus are expected to move back into their residence halls prior to the January 10 start of classes.** While courses will be remote during that first week, our campus facilities will be open with the same limited restrictions that were in place during the Fall 2021 semester.

The university will be hosting COVID-19 testing clinics on the following days – sign up sites are linked below where necessary:

- **Monday, January 3:** [rapid testing](#) for returning unvaccinated staff only
- ***Tuesday, January 4:** [rapid testing](#) for unvaccinated staff, early-arriving students and student employees
- **Wednesday, January 5:** rapid testing for returning Physician Assistant students, faculty and staff
- **Monday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 11:** rapid testing for returning students who live on campus (students will receive these links to sign up early next week)
- **Wednesday, January 12:** *sentinel testing resumes* for unvaccinated faculty, staff and students

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****Vaccinated faculty and staff who work on campus fully or on a hybrid schedule may choose to sign up and be tested at JWU on this date if testing slots are available.***

Additional information about on-campus testing clinics will be shared in the coming days. Unvaccinated members of the JWU community and ALL residential students (regardless of vaccination status) are required to obtain a test upon arrival to campus. Meanwhile, we encourage everyone – regardless of vaccination status – to obtain a COVID-19 within 72 hours of your return to campus to ensure the safest possible return for all. We will offer limited testing for vaccinated people on campus, but members of the JWU community can also sign up for a test at one of the state-run testing clinics. [Use this map](#) to see where in Rhode Island you can find a testing site near you or [read more about testing in the state](#).

If you are a student on an internship or clinical rotation this semester, you must also follow that site's protocol regarding testing for COVID-19. Students with specialized classrooms (i.e. Equine, Ed.D., P.A.) will receive a specific message from department leads with further instruction.

Recently, both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) made changes to their quarantine guidelines. We will continue to follow the state's guidance. Attached, you can find more information on these guidelines, and you can read more at covid.ri.gov. For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at marie.bernardo-sousa@jwu.edu, president of the JWU Providence Campus.

Finally, please be reminded that if you are experiencing any symptoms, stay home and contact your healthcare provider. Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment, care and cooperation to keep our community safe.

I am wishing you all the best for the new year and we all look forward to seeing you back on campus in January.