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## *Memo*

**To** Charlotte Campus Community  
**From** Sandra Affenito, Ph.D.  
**Date** February 15, 2022  
**Re** **COVID-19 Safety Protocols**

Given that cases of COVID-19 continue to decline across North Carolina, Mecklenburg County has begun discussions of removing the mask mandate. As the county advances the steps toward the end of the pandemic, the Charlotte Campus COVID-19 Team will continue to evaluate our COVID protocols. Beginning Wednesday, February 16, we will only require the daily symptom screening green check mark for lab class admittance. Individuals in academic classes or meeting in campus offices are encouraged to continue to monitor their symptoms and should not come to campus if you are sick. If you are ill, please call Health Services at 980-598-1700.

At this time, the JWU Charlotte Campus will maintain the mask wearing requirement for on-campus buildings regardless of state or local mask mandates. Additionally, following spring break, we will ask all residential students and unvaccinated students to submit a point of origin COVID test result upon their return OR participate in our on-campus testing event on Monday, March 14 from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Wildcat Center. As a reminder, we are now accepting at-home tests for point of origin requirements. Please review the [at-home test submission guideline](#) to ensure your test is accepted.

The continued symptom screening in labs, mask-wearing indoors, and sentinel/point-of-origin testing have played a significant role in keeping our case count low and maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for our students, faculty and staff. While it is encouraging to see lower numbers of positive cases in our own community and across the state, it is important that we not let our guard down.

We plan to reassess our current protocols in early March based on our own positivity rate, the state positivity rate, and our institutional vaccine booster compliance rate. (Please be reminded, the deadline to receive your booster shot is March 1, or within 30 days of you becoming eligible of receiving a booster.) If

our JWU community's booster rate is similar to our initial vaccination rate, it may allow us to eliminate some restrictions.

Getting vaccinated is still our best defense against contracting and spreading COVID-19 and its variants. We encourage all members of our Wildcat family to get vaccinated and boosted. Vaccines and booster shots are widely available in the Charlotte region, so please check <https://www.vaccines.gov/> for a location near you.

To each and every member of our community, I thank you for your ongoing commitment to all COVID-19 protocols. Your persistence and dedication have allowed us to foster a safe and healthy spring semester to date.

On behalf of the university, I also share my sincerest appreciation with the COVID-19 Team co-lead by Amber Perrell, dean of students, and Ursula Douglas, director of health services, for all their efforts throughout the pandemic to help to ensure the health and safety of all members of our wonderful Charlotte community.