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**To** Charlotte Campus Community

**From** Cheryl Richards, Ph.D., president  
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**Date** March 29, 2021

**Re** **New Guidance for Spring & Preparations for Fall**

Over a year after we began this unexpected journey with COVID-19, we are beginning to see what may be the light at the end of a very dark tunnel. Last week Governor Cooper announced the easing of restrictions as North Carolina has reached over 20% of the eligible population being fully vaccinated. With the changes in state guidelines and limited positive cases on campus the past three weeks, we, as a university, will also begin to take steps toward the new normal.

### **Spring 2021**

JWU continues to work with state and local authorities regarding appropriate protocols applicable to educational institutions. Outside of this educational programming, we are encouraged with the Governor's newest executive order that allows for expanded capacity for non-educational social events and gatherings. The mass gathering limit increases to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. For organized events, the new capacity limits will be 50% when 6 feet of social distancing can still be maintained.

With these updates to the state's protocols, JWU Charlotte has modified the following COVID protocols effective today.

- Social events on campus will now be able to take place with a capacity limit up to 50% of the room's capacity, depending on the ability to maintain social distancing. Outdoor event capacity will also be expanded. Our event staff have been notified of the appropriate capacities for every space on campus and will work with campus groups and guests to determine the appropriate capacity and venue for your event.
- Residential students will now be able to visit any other residential student's room on campus (regardless of building). Only one residential visitor is permitted per resident. Commuters and non-students/guests are still not permitted in the residence halls.

- Residential game rooms will be re-opened with capacity limits listed on the doors. More information will be shared by the Area Coordinators this week.
- Current expectations for face mask wearing and social distancing of 6 feet remain in effect.
- We continue to encourage students to limit weekend travel.

### **COVID Vaccine**

On Thursday, March 25, 324 members of our community were vaccinated at the clinic held in the University Events Center. This is in addition to hundreds who have gotten the vaccine already at public vaccine clinics. Governor Cooper has announced that all NC residents will be eligible for their vaccine beginning April 7. We encourage everyone to check out the [Find Your Spot to Take Your Shot](#) webpage for more information on a vaccination clinic near you.

The COVID vaccine will be a key part of reaching herd immunity and allowing our community to get back to the new normal for fall 2021. Students who have already gotten their full vaccine (either the Johnson & Johnson single shot or both shots of Moderna or Pfizer), should submit their vaccine record to Health Services. Our COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Process enables students to easily upload proof of vaccination (e.g., an image of your vaccination card) through the university's Medicat Portal:

- Log in to [jwuLink](#) > go to the Charlotte Services page > open the Medicat Portal.
- Alternatively, you may access the portal directly at [jwu.medicatconnect.com](http://jwu.medicatconnect.com).

### **Summer 2021**

Summer courses will be available in a fully remote option and [registration](#) is open now. Additionally, summer housing will be available in City View Towers. Applications for summer housing are available on the housing portal via [jwuLink](#).

### **Fall 2021**

As we plan for fall 2021, we are moving forward with the anticipation of a return to more traditional campus operations. With current progress of declining cases and increasing herd immunity, we anticipate that most, if not all, courses will be offered with an in-person format. We plan to welcome all residential students back to campus, providing options for single or double occupancy in the residence halls. We look forward to welcoming all students back to campus and to offering the traditional college experience inside and outside of the classroom. Additionally, select study abroad opportunities will be available for eligible students who will need to be vaccinated to participate.

The plans for fall are dependent on the guidance, restrictions, and health protocols that may be put in place by federal, state, and local governments. Should there be any changes to our plans, we will communicate them promptly.

We cannot thank all students, faculty, and staff enough for your continued diligence and compliance to the health protocols throughout the past year of the pandemic. Any additional questions related to our COVID protocols or vaccine reporting can be directed to [Dean Perrell](#).