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To Charlotte Campus Students
From Amber Perrell, Ed.D., dean of students
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Re What You Need to Know Before You Arrive

On behalf of Johnson & Wales University, I am thrilled to welcome you to the Charlotte Campus! There are a few reminders that I need to share with you before you and your loved ones arrive on campus. As the cases of COVID-19 increase, we are constantly evaluating our protocols and making adjustments, so please be sure to review all information below.

The university is requiring all students, faculty and staff to be [fully vaccinated](#) for COVID-19 as we start the fall semester. Today, the FDA fully approved the Pfizer vaccine as a safe and effective tool to mitigate against COVID-19. We encourage those who have yet to be vaccinated to begin the process immediately. In light of the vaccine approval and Delta variant, we may revisit exemption approvals and reserve the right to amend our protocols.

Students can submit their vaccine records or exemption requests via the [Medicat Student Patient Portal](#). If you are still non-compliant with this requirement, a C9 hold has been placed on your student account. Failure to clear this hold prior to August 30, the first day of classes, may impact your ability to start the fall semester successfully. For more information on submitting your vaccination forms or completing an exemption request, please review the [COVID website](#).

While on campus, you must wear a face mask over your nose and mouth when indoors regardless of vaccination status. Mecklenburg County has reinstated the mask mandate, so this policy will apply to all indoor public places, businesses, and establishments. While outdoors, masks are not required unless otherwise indicated by the university or applicable federal, state or local guidance.

Unvaccinated individuals (meaning those who have not received their last dose of the vaccine, or have not had 14 days pass since their last dose, and including those with exemptions from the vaccine requirement):

- Are expected to submit a point-of-origin test result prior to your return to campus. The point of origin test can be a rapid test or PCR test, but must be taken within 72 hours of your return/arrival to campus for fall. Your negative test result should be uploaded to the [Point of Origin Submission Form](#).
- Must participate in routine surveillance COVID-19 testing. Testing will be coordinated by Health Services and you will be notified of your designated testing date. Failure to participate in surveillance testing will result in conduct violations, removal of access to campus, and a fine.
- Must quarantine if exposed to someone who has tested positive.

Additional COVID protocols for fall:

- Students must stay home if exhibiting any COVID symptoms and contact Health Services at 980-598-1700. The [Daily Self Screening Questionnaire](#) should be completed and is available on jwuLink and the JWU Mobile App with the symptom list.
- All students with symptoms or positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate. Residential students may be required to move to an isolation or quarantine room.
- All individuals exposed to a positive COVID-19 case will be tested for COVID-19.
- Students should maintain three feet of physical distancing indoors and six feet outdoors for unvaccinated individuals.
- After move-in day, residential students will not be allowed visitors for at least the first two weeks of the semester. Residential students may not visit other residence halls than their own and non-residents are not allowed in the residence halls. On move-in day, guests assisting with move-in must leave the building by 6 p.m.

I hosted a Charlotte COVID information session for you and your families last week. If you missed it, please [watch the recording](#) so you hear the expectations we are sharing.

My team has worked hard to create an inviting, fun and engaging start to your new academic year! Wildcat Welcome Weekend starts Thurs, Aug 26 with [new student move-in](#), parent farewell, Wildcat Way Ceremony (Fri, Aug 27) and more! Many of the programs during welcome weekend are required for new students, so be sure to check out the schedule online. [Returning student's move-in](#) and fun activities for all students are also on the Wildcat Welcome site. Check out the Wildcat Welcome Weekend (Thurs, Aug 26 – Sun, Aug 29) and Week of Welcome (Mon, Aug 30 – Thurs, Sept 2) schedules [here](#).

See you soon!