



The Return of the Flock

EMAIL TO THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY

CPG Update – 12/10/21

To the Washington College Community:

Congratulations to all students on finishing your fall semester classes! We wish you much success on your final exams next week.

A few items of note for today:

COVID Boosters – as mentioned previously, we are in full support of the CDC’s recommendation that all adults 18+ who are 6 months past their original vaccination date get a booster. We also know that many in our community have already taken this important step, which is great news. If you have received the booster (or will do so in the future) we are requesting that you upload your updated vaccine card to the Student Health Portal (this works for staff and faculty as well). You can access the portal at:

<http://washcoll.studenthealthportal.com>

This information remains confidential and is only accessible to Health Services. It is not part of any employee’s HR records. Taking this step to update your health records only takes a minute to do and is enormously helpful to Health Services.

COVID Precautions – As reported, over the past 10 days we have seen a handful of COVID cases within our community. We strongly encourage you to step up your compliance and even consider taking extra precautions to safeguard your health and wellness. Exams are a stressful time and we generally already see a spike in illnesses amongst students as a result. Given the high infection rate in the surrounding area, we advise limiting your off-campus interactions, as well as avoiding social gatherings. At minimum, be sure to mask up, wash your hands and keep your distance. With only a short time left before winter break begins, we want everyone to finish up healthy!

Looking Ahead to the Spring Semester

Gateway Testing – the College will once again be requiring Gateway Testing for all students upon return to campus (including those living in off-campus housing) in January 2022 for the Spring semester. Kirby Stadium will serve as the testing site. Health Services will accept walk-ins or appointments can be scheduled. They will begin scheduling those during the first week of January. More details will be communicated about this in early January, but for now please be aware that this will again be part of our COVID protocols.

Move-In – as with the fall, there is no plan for a staggered move-in, nor will students be required to sign-up for a specific move-in timeframe. Students should plan to return to campus on the normal schedule.

As other COVID operations are confirmed or revised, we will keep you updated.



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Congratulations to all on your accomplishments throughout this semester. We wish you a fun-filled holiday season and look forward to your return in the spring!

Please note that the administrative offices of the College are closed from December 24 - January 2. Messages sent to this inbox during that time will be answered when the College re-opens on January 3.