



Dear Members of the University Community,

As you know, the University announced a vaccine requirement for students and employees who would be on campus for the fall semester. The intention was so that the University would be able to offer classes and activity in traditional in-person formats as a [fully-vaccinated campus](#) for the 2021-2022 academic year.

We are pleased to report that more 96% of students, faculty and staff are fully vaccinated – nearly 96 percent of students and more than 97 percent of staff and faculty. We expect these percentages to increase even more in the coming weeks as individuals with one dose of the vaccine receive their second dose. Vaccination rates above 90% were found to be an important for resuming normal campus activity, according to a [recently released study](#) in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

In accordance with Pennsylvania law, students and employees could request a waiver to the vaccine requirement for religious or medical reasons. Students attending fully-online graduate courses were not required to submit vaccine information.

As a reminder, the University, following CDC guidelines, will adjust indoor masking requirements for vaccinated individuals based on community spread. Currently, the University is requiring all individuals [to wear masks indoors through Oct. 4](#) regardless of vaccination status. Also, access to the campus is limited to University community members, invited guests and others as outlined in its Royals Back Together plan. The University will update information on or before Oct. 4.

The most up-to-date information will continue to be posted at [Royals Back Together webpage](#).

Sincerely,

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