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Dear Members of the University Community,

Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [updated guidance](#) on pandemic safety protocols for [fully-vaccinated](#) individuals. The new guidance includes lifting requirements for mask wearing and social distancing only for those fully vaccinated. The Pennsylvania Department of Health's guidance [follows the CDC](#).

Through the end of the semester, however, the University will maintain the [health and safety protocols](#) of the Royals Safe Together Plan, including the requirement for everyone to wear masks on campus. Although we estimate more than 2,500 students have received at least one COVID vaccine dose, for many, the two-week period following their second dose has not yet elapsed and some members of our campus community have not yet had the vaccine. We have enjoyed a successful semester together because of our shared commitment to keeping each other safe.

In the coming weeks, we will announce updates to our campus safety protocols for the summer, and during the summer will provide greater details about our full return to in-person instruction in the fall.

Yesterday's announcement is welcome news for the country and signals the eventual end of the pandemic, once enough people are fully vaccinated. For now, we ask for your continued help and cooperation in following the safety measures now in place.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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