

Dear Students,

As we all know, COVID cases have been rising nationwide, including in highly vaccinated areas, both in the wake of the Thanksgiving holiday and with the spread of the omicron variant. While the University has required that our residential students, faculty and staff on campus comply with the University's vaccine mandate, JDi and other online students who have not been to campus since the pandemic have not had to take steps to comply with the mandate. As our country now faces a double surge and the strong likelihood of even more new cases after the holidays, we have reassessed our plans to convene our JDi students in person for the January residencies, given their very close proximity to the holidays.

A few minutes ago, I advised our JDi students that their January 2022 residencies have been impacted by these conditions. Specifically, one of the residencies will be postponed, and the others will be moved on-line. Although I am deeply disappointed with this change of plans, safeguarding the health and well-being of our entire College of Law community as pandemic conditions continue to evolve remains our top priority.

As things currently stand, we expect in-person instruction to resume on Monday January 10, 2022. The requirements for your return to campus are contained in [this message from Vice Chancellor Haynie](#). Please read it. Specifically, unless you are exempt, to be on campus, you must upload evidence that you've received your **booster shot** and **flu vaccine** to the [Patient Portal](#). Moreover, **arrival testing** will be mandatory. Testing will be held at the stadium and Kimmel Hall. A full schedule of testing hours will be made available shortly. Compliance with these requirements will be central to our ability to safely resume campus activities. Please plan accordingly.

Please be sure to check your emails over the holidays for new developments and additional information, including on arrival testing. I will continue to update you over the coming days and weeks to ensure that our College of Law community enjoys a safe, healthy and seamless return to campus in January. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and healthy holiday season,

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