Dear Students:

Welcome back to Dineen Hall!

As we resume in-person instruction and continue to monitor the evolution of the pandemic, please take note of the following updates and reminders:

Groups and Social Events

Until further notice, all non-academic student activities and social events must be held virtually.

Neporent Café

As was the case last fall, during the spring semester, the café will be open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Library Services

The Law Library is open for in-person services. Reference Desk and Circulation Desk hours are Monday-Thursday 8 am to 8 pm, Friday 8 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 5 pm. As always, request assistance any time at lawreferencedesk@syr.edu or lawcirc@syr.edu, and access collections and services at http://www.law.syr.edu/law-library/.

Masks Required; Eating and Drinking

The University’s campus masking requirement remains level RED, which means that all students, faculty, staff and visitors (vaccinated and vaccine-exempt) accessing the Syracuse University campus must wear masks indoors at all times, and outdoors when in the presence of others, except when actively drinking or eating. Please be mindful of your neighbors and mask up between sips and bites, and limit your actively drinking and eating status to only that portion of time that is absolutely necessary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, please be advised that eating during class, in any of our classrooms or other class instruction spaces, is not permitted. While drinking during class is permitted, you are expected to mask up between sips.

These requirements apply to all areas of Dineen Hall including, but not limited to, the Law Library, and will remain in place until, at a minimum, the statewide masking order is rescinded.

Please follow these best practices at all times to make sure that your mask protects you and our College of Law Community the best it can.
Completely cover your nose and mouth; fit your mask snugly against the sides of your face, and don’t have gaps.

Given the highly infectious nature of the omicron variant, the University is strongly encouraging double-masking or use of a well-fitted KN95-type mask while indoors on campus. Additional masking guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available on the CDC’s website.

Post-Arrival Testing and Enhanced Surveillance Testing

If you have not already done so, please follow the University’s post-arrival testing requirements by testing at the Stadium Testing Center no later than tomorrow, January 25.

Syracuse University will continue its on-campus COVID surveillance testing program for fully vaccinated individuals beginning today. Like the fall semester, each week a group of students (and faculty and staff) will be selected for testing and directed to visit the Stadium Testing Center. Given the current surge of new COVID cases stemming from the omicron variant, the University has announced that the number of vaccinated individuals required to test each week will be expanded to start the spring semester.

As a reminder, students, faculty and staff who access campus under a medical or religious vaccine exemption are required to participate in routine COVID surveillance testing once per week. In addition, this requirement is now also extended to any individual who is not yet fully vaccinated and boosted. Community compliance with the requirements of the surveillance testing program will be closely monitored.

Consistent with prior policy, any student who is noncompliant with the University’s ongoing testing requirements will lose access to Dineen Hall and on-campus technology resources.

The University’s health and well-being protocols are in place to help us keep our community safe. As always, thank you for continuing to observe them with fidelity.

Please continue to visit our COVID-19 Law Preparedness pages (including about the availability of Booster vaccines at the Barnes Center) and Syracuse.edu/staysafe for the latest information on the pandemic, masking requirements and other related subjects.
I look forward to seeing you in and around Dineen Hall!

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