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COVID-19 Campus Update, December 2, 2021

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The following excerpt from President Smith's Dec. 2, 2021 message to campus pertains to the University's response to the pandemic.

Winter Semester Planning

While the focus for many of us is on the end of the current semester, final exams and commencement, extensive planning is underway for the winter semester. Our priority is on the continued mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, while providing excellent learning outcomes.

Our multi-layered approach has been extremely effective in keeping campus positivity rates among the lowest of any university in Michigan, and we plan to continue those strategies into the winter semester. These include:

- [Mandatory vaccinations for all students living on campus](#) as well as those in what are considered higher risk groups (athletics, marching band, etc.);
- [Mandatory vaccinations or weekly COVID-19 testing](#) for all students taking classes with an in-person component;
- Wearing of masks inside all campus buildings and facilities;
- Mandatory completion of the [COVID PASS Daily Health Screening](#) whenever on campus;
- Physical distancing of three feet when in classrooms or in buildings;
- Ongoing and regular free COVID-19 testing at the University's [Testing Center](#) in the Student Center, with hours through the week and expanded hours on Monday evenings and select Saturdays and,
- As we did last fall, all housing residents will be required to submit proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test before they return in January.

Visit the [#EMUSafe website](#) to learn the full range of practices in place.

Another key element of our #EMUSafe planning is offering a large number of fully remote classes as well as hybrid classes, which allow for a small in person component with the remainder of the class taking place remotely.

Upcoming Vaccination Clinic

As we have all semester, we continue to look for opportunities to bring pop-up vaccination clinics to campus. The next one will be on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., in the Intersection room near the north entrance to the Student Center. Booster shots as well as first or second round doses will be available.

Additionally, vaccinations are offered at the Campus Medical Pharmacy located inside the IHA Health Center @EMU. For additional details, please contact the pharmacy at 734.547.5995.

To see the full message, [go to the President's Office page](#).