Covid-19 Campus Protocol Update

Dear Members of the North Park University campus community:

On Thursday, August 26, 2021, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued an executive order requiring Covid-19 vaccinations for everyone in many sectors of society -- including all employees and students at public and private institutions of higher education in our state. The order also requires universal masking indoors, and weekly testing for anyone who is unvaccinated.

Since July 1 North Park has strongly encouraged and expected all members of the campus community to get vaccinated -- and is requiring those who are not vaccinated to enroll in a weekly testing program. In addition since August 6 North Park's safety protocols have included universal indoor masking regardless of vaccination status. These key elements of the governor's executive order are already in place on our campus.

To ensure that we are complying with the governor’s order, all North Parkers must submit a vaccination status form to document that they are fully vaccinated or complete this vaccination exemption request form by September 10. All unvaccinated North Parkers will participate in weekly testing. Please review our on-campus testing page to learn more about the testing program.

North Park is partnering with Swedish Hospital and Jewel-Osco to make it convenient for you to get your free vaccine. Here are times and locations:

- Swedish Hospital – Walk-In clinic – 2740 W. Foster Ave. Suite #108, Chicago, IL 60625 - Open 7 am – 3 pm Monday through Friday. Or you can schedule a vaccine visit through https://www.northshoreconnect.org/mychart/Authentication/Login.


The Centers for Disease Control continue to affirm that vaccinations are currently the best protection against the virus, and we are pleased to report that 82% of students and employees have submitted their vaccination status forms – and of those, 87% of students and 93% of employees are vaccinated.

Our community’s high vaccination rate, along with universal indoor masking, and consistent surveillance testing of individuals who are exempt from the vaccination requirement for medical or religious reasons – all will help North Park continue a vibrant on-campus experience with confidence and enthusiasm.

We thank God for His provision and protection. We thank our Pandemic Response Team, under the leadership of Vice President Scott Stenmark, for its continued management of our Covid-safe campus environment. And we thank YOU for your collective efforts to keep our beautiful urban campus safe and thriving.

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