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Colleagues:

We have a few critical updates this week. Please review carefully, as they contain important information.

Return to Campus Guidelines

We have attached a document: The Library's Return to Campus Guidelines for Spring/Summer 2021. Please note the following key points:

- We will gradually increase on-site work and service point hours over the summer.
- The increased services will help meet the university's expectation that Library units will be open with on-site service by August 16th, for the start of the fall semester (assuming that State of Illinois reaches [Phase 5](#), as Governor Pritzker has indicated).
- You should expect to hear about summer work expectations in your unit within the next few weeks if you have not already been contacted. Expectations for onsite work will reflect Library and unit needs. We will accommodate unique circumstances and needs over the summer, to the extent possible.

Unit Summer Plans

Unit heads will be completing service plans that include a description of general services, open hours for the summer, and a list of all employees' onsite/remote status. These will be shared with and reviewed by the back-to-work planning team, to help us communicate summer schedules and added services.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Several of you have asked about the Chancellor Jones' [Massmail on May 14](#), which addressed the university's response to the CDC's new guidelines. In the Library this guidance will be implemented as follows:

- All Library users/patrons will be required to wear facial coverings and social distance in our study space areas (the equivalent of campus instructional spaces); these are currently located in the Grainger Engineering Library Information Center and the Undergraduate Library.
- **ALL** Library employees are required to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing in our study space areas.

- Fully-vaccinated Library employees are **NOT** required to wear facial coverings or practice social distancing outside of study space areas.
- Library employees who are not fully vaccinated must wear facial coverings and practice social distancing in **ALL** Library spaces, except when alone in a private office.

We realize that people will have different comfort levels with the guidance and changes. Please respect each other's choices, while guiding your own practices based on the above guidelines. For example, do not ask coworkers about vaccination status, while keeping in mind that supervisors can request such information when appropriate. Of course, fully-vaccinated employees who wish to wear face coverings may do so.

Thank you for your understanding, and we will continue to update the requirements and answer questions as they arise.

Summer Testing Frequency

Beginning today and until further notice, COVID-19 testing requirements will move from twice per week to once per week for all those who are required to test. This change will take effect in the Safer Illinois app and Boarding Pass today. If you are not required to maintain a consistent testing schedule but are coming to campus infrequently, make sure you have a recent negative on-campus test. When you are planning a visit to campus, please note test results can take up to 48 hours to receive.

Best,

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