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Colleagues:

We would like to make sure you're aware of the upcoming Fall 2021 Return for Students Briefing on August 12. Visit <https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/297149114.html> for additional details from the COVID-19 Executive Steering Committee. In addition, here are a few policy updates for you to be aware of:

- With the new mask requirement in place, Facilities and Services has started replacing signage across campus. These should be in place on all entry doors, elevators, restrooms, and stairways by next week. Library F&S will be going by all units to collect/remove all signage regarding the mask requirement only for those unvaccinated; these signs will be retained for potential future use.
- If people using Library spaces are not wearing facial coverings, you may ask them to do so. Here is some suggested language to use: "Hello. Current campus guidelines require that everyone wear a mask in all university facilities regardless of vaccination status. Could you please put on a facial covering?"
- While the mask requirement is in place, patrons may not eat in public study spaces. Drinking of beverages in covered containers is allowed, provided that individuals wear a mask when not drinking. Likewise, Library staff should eat in breakrooms and wear a mask when not eating or drinking a beverage at designated areas.
- Units should enter their fall hours into the calendar system now, if not already completed. The Library's website will be updated prior to the start of the fall semester (the first day of instruction is Monday, August 23). The *Libraries & Hours* and *Room Reservations* tabs on the site will be re-enabled.
- Campus will be monitoring returning students to ensure that they have either uploaded their vaccination information or are current on testing requirements. We will not (and should not) check student employees for building access status.

Also, as a reminder, the next Hangout is on Thursday, August 19 at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Best,

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