



September 6, 2021

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on getting off to a good start this year. Seeing the soccer team in action last week and a full slate of activities over the weekend was a strong sign that we have begun to return to our traditional form.

I'm writing to follow up on my note of two weeks ago when we instituted a mask requirement for classes, labs, and instructor-led activities, as well as for the fitness center, weight room, and at indoor events of 50 or more people.

When I spoke to Indiana's State Health Commissioner, Dr. Kristina Box, a few weeks ago, she emphasized that decisions on appropriate campus mitigation need to be based on the percentage of the campus community that is fully vaccinated. I believed, based on the documentation that we had on partially vaccinated individuals, that by this week we would qualify as a fully vaccinated campus. But we're not there yet, so we cannot yet consider any changes in our mitigation practices.

If you have received a second shot, it is critical that you upload proof of your vaccination so that our data is accurate. If you are due (or past-due) for a second shot, make every effort to get that shot as soon as possible. You can schedule an appointment through the [Montgomery County Health Department](#) or at a number of [local pharmacies](#).

And, unfortunately, COVID cases continue to rise here in Montgomery County and local vaccination rates are not ticking up in ways I had hoped. Until conditions in Montgomery County improve, please continue to observe the 3 W's (Wear a mask, wash your hands, watch your distance) and avoid the 3 C's (close contact, crowds and confined spaces) as you interact with the broader community.

While we are making good progress, it is our intention to **continue to mask until at least September 20** in classes, labs, and instructor-led activities; public indoor events of more than 50 people; and in the weight room and fitness center. We will re-evaluate this decision as more data becomes available. To be able to take any new steps, we need all partially vaccinated students and employees to get their second shot and upload proof of vaccination, and for students to continue surveillance testing. If you are having difficulty obtaining a vaccination or uploading your documentation, please email covid@wabash.edu.

Let's make it a good week, Wabash.

Sincerely,

Scott Feller
President

