

Dear QU Community

This message is the eighty-ninth update on Quincy University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the pandemic is far from over, today we are providing our favorite COVID-19 update of all time.

1. Consistent with today's guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and **effective immediately, masks and physical distancing are no longer required on the Quincy University campus for those who are fully vaccinated.** Those who have not been vaccinated are expected to continue to wear masks in public settings and to practice physical distancing to the fullest extent possible.
2. Members of the QU community are asked to continue carrying masks while on campus. **In the event a member of the community attends an indoor meeting on campus with a person who has not been vaccinated, it is an appropriate courtesy to wear a mask and to practice physical distancing while participating in that meeting.** QU community members are strongly encouraged to follow all CDC guidelines related to masks and physical distancing, as explained at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html#vaccinated>.
3. **Additional COVID-19 guidance related to the QU campus during the summer months will be announced in the coming weeks.** We also expect to provide more information about COVID-19 policies for Fall 2021 as early as the beginning of July 2021. Please be patient with us as we work to remove and update signs announcing our previous COVID-19 policies from campus buildings and other facilities.
4. QU continues to **very strongly encourage COVID-19 vaccination** for all eligible members of the Quincy University community. While no vaccine is perfect, COVID-19 vaccinations are very safe and highly effective. When you are fully vaccinated, you are protecting yourself and your loved ones. Further, as of today, vaccination allows you to avoid most requirements for masking and physical distancing.
5. As previously announced, **QU does NOT require proof of COVID-19 vaccination in order to enroll for the 2021 Fall Semester.** Until further notice, you may assume that **COVID-19 vaccination at QU will continue to be voluntary**, though, again, it will be very strongly encouraged. A change in

Illinois law, a severe COVID-19 outbreak, or new guidance from the Catholic Church might lead us to revise QU's vaccination policy.

Today is some of the best COVID-19 news we have received in a very long time. We continue to pray for all those who have been harmed by the pandemic and for all those countries currently suffering from severe COVID-19 outbreaks.

Now, perhaps we will be able to devote more time to thwarting the dangerous schemes and plots of the campus squirrels.

Have a great evening, Hawks. May you enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

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