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Dear Heidelberg Students and Families,

In less than two weeks, we will return to campus for what promises to be an excellent 2021-22 academic year. All of us on campus have been waiting for this with great anticipation, excitement and hope for a year that will be closer to our “normal.”

We will be asking all faculty, staff, and students to sign the Heidelberg Pledge of Health & Safety, stating your understanding of and commitment to abide by all University protocols so that all of us can stay healthy and safe. **All members of the HU community will wear masks in indoor spaces, if not in a personal office space, beginning immediately, and report daily health checks to monitor the community for symptoms of COVID-19.**

All unvaccinated students will be required to provide a negative COVID test performed within 72 hours of arrival on campus for the fall 2021 semester. This test will be mailed to the students' homes by the campus health center.

The most up-to-date information on our *Heidelberg University COVID-19 Health & Well-Being Plan* can be found on the [Heidelberg website](#). We hope the webpage answers many of your questions about your safe arrival or return to campus. In the meantime, here also is a brief summary of information that we think will be helpful.

- Dining facilities are open, but students will eat with their “family units.”
- Classrooms are socially distanced to a minimum of 3 feet between chairs.
- Other indoor spaces (e.g., lounges, meeting rooms, Seiberling) will also observe 3-foot spacing between chairs minimum.
- Athletics will follow all NCAA guidelines to safely participate in Division III competition.
- Unvaccinated members of the campus community (Faculty, Staff, Students) are not permitted to travel overnight on behalf of the University.
- Any member of the Heidelberg community who is identified as a close contact or shows symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to quarantine according to CDC and ODH guidelines. It will be recommended that students who need to isolate do so at their home. Isolation space on campus is in short supply and will be prioritized for students who live greater distances from campus.

- Heidelberg will gather voluntary and confidential vaccination data on all members of the campus community and continue to encourage all community members to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

If you haven't been vaccinated, it's not too late – but please start the process now. Go to gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov for a list of vaccination sites in your area and make your appointment directly from the State of Ohio Department of Health website.

Please know that our plans for the fall semester are subject to change in the best interest of our campus community. We have back-up plans in place if any part of our current plan needs to be altered. If you have questions, feel free to call Stoner Health & Counseling Center at 419-448-2041.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Heidelberg safe and healthy. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus soon.

Sincerely,

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