November 9, 2021

Dear Campus Community,

We value your contribution to our collective effort over the past months to safeguard the health and well-being of those around us by getting the COVID-19 vaccination. Our campus vaccination rates continue to inch higher while our positivity rate has remained very low.

It’s important that each of us continues to do our part to create the healthiest and safest living, learning and working environment for the rest of the Fall Semester and set ourselves up for a healthy Spring 2022 Semester. As we continue to utilize the health tools available to us – distancing, masking, good hygiene, testing and now, vaccines – we’ll maintain our track record of minimal disruptions caused by illness, quarantine and isolation. All of us benefit from a healthier community!

As a campus, we continue to follow the guidance of the CDC, the Ohio Department of Health, the NCAA, and our local health officials. If those guidelines or the applicable laws change, we will make appropriate adjustments to our campus health and safety protocols.

**Vaccination deadline approaching**

If you have not yet received your COVID-19 vaccination, now is the time to begin the process so you are fully vaccinated by January 3, 2022. Here are some important dates to guide you:

**If you are receiving the Moderna vaccine:**

- First dose no later than November 21
- Second dose no later than December 20
- There is a 28-day interval between doses

**If you are receiving the Pfizer vaccine:**

- First dose no later than November 30
- Second dose no later than December 21
- There is a 21-day interval between doses. The Pfizer vaccine has received complete FDA approval.
* Please note: If you choose the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccine, you will have to make arrangements to get your second dose to complete the vaccination process at your home (for students) or at a local vaccination site (for employees).

**If you are receiving the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine:**

- Complete no later than December 19

Remember that there is a **two-week waiting period** after your second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or the single Johnson & Johnson dose, before you are considered fully vaccinated.

**Vaccinations also available locally**

You can use this link to **find a convenient COVID vaccination site** in Ohio. You can use this link to **get vaccinated nearby in Tiffin**.

*Please watch your ’Berg email for information about an upcoming campus COVID-19 vaccination clinic coming soon.*

**Resources for exemption applications**

If you plan to seek a medical or a religious beliefs exemption, **the deadline to submit your request form is November 19, 2021.**

Please use these links for the appropriate request forms:

- [Students medical exemption](#)
- [Employees medical exemption](#)
- [Students and Employees religious beliefs exemption](#)

Finally, please remember to provide vaccination documentation to Human Resources (for employees) or to Stoner Health & Counseling Center (for students) by the January 3 deadline. If you have already provided a copy of your vaccination card, you do not need to do anything further.

Questions can be directed to Human Resources ([hr@heidelberg.edu](mailto:hr@heidelberg.edu)) or Stoner Health & Counseling Center ([jbaldoss@heidelberg.edu](mailto:jbaldoss@heidelberg.edu)).

Best wishes to each of you as we march toward the end of the semester.

Sincerely,

Ms. Janelle Baldosser, Director of the Stoner Health & Counseling Center

Ms. Leslie Erwin, Chief Human Resources Officer

Dr. Rob Huntington, President