

Dear Graduate and Professional Students.

The spring semester is upon us. I hope the first part of 2021 will be filled for you with intellectual energy, opportunities for creativity and invention, and personal goal realization. While the pandemic continues to rage around us, we must stick to appropriate public health protocols to keep our community safe. We are now used to maintaining social distance, wearing masks, washing hands, and avoiding indoor unmasked social gatherings. In these areas, we must remain vigilant.

I ask also that you ensure that you follow the testing and quarantining procedures outlined in the spring 2021 return-to-campus document:

- Review and update your Learn from Anywhere (LfA) status on the <u>Student Link</u> 24 hours before you arrive on campus. This status will establish your schedule for COVID testing. Update your LfA status any time your living or learning situation changes.
- Obtain two negative COVID tests before you attend in-person class or other campus activities.
- Continue to complete your daily online symptom attestation throughout the semester.

You can find complete information on screening, testing and COVID information on the <u>Graduate Education</u> and <u>Healthway</u> websites.

We all crave conditions as they were before pandemic—opportunities to freely socialize, to shop and dine without concern, and to jump on the T with little thought of disease spread. I am confident that we will get back to those times. However, for the time being, our biggest gift to one another—

our most important statement of commitment to the social good—is consistent adherence to our established public health protocols.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With best wishes,

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