Dear Colleagues,

While classes are well underway, I want to recognize that Monday marks the return to campus and in-person classes for many of you. We’ve had an unusual start to the semester, and I appreciate the flexibility and willingness to adapt that all of you have shown. I know that your students will benefit from your continued support, and I thank you for your ongoing dedication.

Below are important updates for January 29, 2021.

- **Spring Classes.** On Monday, February 1, 2021, classes will resume in the modality shown in MyMadison at the time of registration, which was selected by you and your academic unit head. All classes must maintain their established mode of delivery, with accommodations made only in cases of an instructor’s health-related issues.

- **Vaccines.** The university is actively working with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in planning for the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations in the Central Shenandoah Health District, but JMU does not have direct access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Faculty must sign up to receive the vaccine using the VDH system like other area residents.

  We are looking into a requirement of vaccines for students, but there have been no decisions yet. While the university strongly recommends all members of the community to be vaccinated, there is not currently a requirement to do so.

See [https://www.jmu.edu/stop-the-spread/academic-affairs/index.shtml](https://www.jmu.edu/stop-the-spread/academic-affairs/index.shtml) for the latest information.

Best wishes,

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