Cardinal Students,

Welcome to UofL’s spring 2021 semester! We are thrilled to kick off this new year and semester with both our returning and first time Cardinals. Although the COVID-19 vaccine offers incredible hope for our world and city, we must continue following health protocols and guidelines on campus to reduce the virus’s spread. Below, you will find key reminders about our protocols and the specific actions all Cardinals are expected to take to ensure a healthy and safe campus for all this semester.

Key reminders for the spring semester

- **Expect a note from your professors by Jan. 6** that will include important information such as where to meet on the first day of classes. Syllabi will also be posted by this date.

- **Required testing begins today.** All students, faculty and staff who are on campus (or plan to be on campus periodically) are required to get tested for COVID-19 between Jan. 4 and Jan. 15. To sign up for a test, for information about exemptions and other details, visit the Testing Program section of our COVID-19 website.

- **Quarantine now** if you are currently on campus or plan to be when classes start (Jan. 11). This includes refraining from non-essential trips to local businesses and restaurants and non-essential group gatherings and events.

- **Get a flu shot.** If you did not already get a flu shot in the fall, you must get one. If you received a flu shot with an off-campus provider, if you will not be coming to campus at all, or if you are seeking an exemption, complete this waiver form. If you completed this form in the fall, you do not need to complete it again.

- **Wear a mask and practice physical distancing.** If you are a new student with us, don’t forget to grab a free mask when you’re picking up for your university ID card or parking permit. Review our mask requirement and seven health and safety protocols here.

- **Read the Spring 2021 Student Acknowledgement.** By coming to campus this spring, you acknowledge that you are aware of UofL’s health protocols and expectations, along with your individual responsibilities as outlined in the Spring 2021 Student Acknowledgement.
Carefully review the Spring 2021 Information for Students webpage on the COVID-19 website. This is your central source for key academic calendar dates, attendance expectations, resources for learning how to use Blackboard and more. Remember: Jan. 15 is the last day for adding/dropping courses and it’s also the deadline for requesting needed accommodations from your professors to take a hybrid course online.

Contact the COVID Support Team for questions or concerns about the COVID-19 protocols. You can call, email or live chat with a member of this team Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reach out for help. If you have concerns, obstacles, or need assistance please reach out to the Dean of Students Office.

Be sure to regularly check your university email and the weekly Student News & Events newsletter for COVID-19 updates and other important announcements throughout the semester. We look forward to having a great, safe and healthy semester with you.

On behalf of the Coordinating Committee,

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