

Subject: Welcome back! Spring forward reminders for faculty and staff
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Cardinal Faculty and Staff,

Welcome back! We are thrilled to kick off this new year and semester with you. 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 expectations to ensure a healthy and safe campus for all this semester.

Key reminders for both staff and faculty

- **Required testing begins today.** All faculty, staff and students 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 recently returned from a location with a positivity rate of 15% or higher. This includes refraining from non-essential trips to local businesses and restaurants and non-essential group gatherings and events.

Reminders for faculty

- **Review the [Spring 2021 Information for Faculty](#) webpage** on the COVID-19 website. This is your central source for key academic calendar dates, attendance policies, ways to maximize student engagement online, hybrid instruction support resources and more.
- **Students have been told they will hear from their professors by Jan. 6** to know where they'll be expected to be each day of the first week of classes and information on how to log into the course if the first day is remote or DE, when to show up in-person if the course is hybrid.
- **Students have also been told that their syllabus will be available for viewing on Blackboard.** If you have not already, be sure to post your syllabus for each course to Blackboard by Jan. 6 and communicate regularly with your students so that they will be in the right place at the right time.

Looking back and springing forward

If you didn't have a chance before the break, take some time today to read the UofL News story, ["A look back at a very unusual – and unprecedented – year at UofL."](#) Thanks to the tireless work and dedication of our faculty and staff, we truly accomplished the incredible in 2020 and we are confident we will have a strong start to the new semester together.

Going forward, be sure to regularly check the UofL Today employee newsletter for COVID-19 Updates and other important university announcements throughout the semester. If you have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 protocols. You can [call, email or live chat](#) with a member of the COVID Support Team, Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We look forward to having a great, safe and healthy spring semester with you.

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