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As of yesterday, 50% of students and employees have yet to report their vaccination status. Please note, this is critical information for us to allocate resources and make the best decisions for our campus community.

It is important that we remain vigilant with regard to the protocols with which we are all familiar (e.g., hand washing, monitoring of symptoms, wearing a mask when appropriate, remaining watchful of CDC guidelines, etc.). Under the leadership of Kim Robare, the Emergency Response Team (ERT) continues to meet to discuss best practices for our community. Due to some recent recommendations by local and state officials, as well as evolving guidance from the CDC, the following protocols are in effect:

#### VACCINATION SUBMISSION—PLEASE SUBMIT BY AUGUST 20th

We are asking all community members (faculty, staff, and students) to share proof of vaccination by email to covidvaccine@lec.edu. This information will be used for data collection only to decide future safety protocols on campus. Please note the information is only checked by one employee and remains confidential. Those who do not wish to share the information will be marked as an unvaccinated individual.

Those who submit proof of vaccination will be entered into a raffle to win various prizes. Prizes include Storm Dollars, LEC apparel, and even your own designated parking space! Vaccination is defined as more than 2 weeks since your second does (Moderna/Pfizer) or your single dose of Johnson and Johnson.

#### **VACCINATION OPTIONS**

Giant Eagle, Painesville (440)-358-7769; All 3 COVID19 vaccine brands available--Walk-Ins accepted CVS, Painesville (440)-354-4432; Moderna Vaccine Available-- Walk-ins accepted, appointment suggested Walgreens, Painesville(440)-350-1928; Pfizer Vaccine Available; Walk-ins accepted, appointment suggested Discount Drug Mart, Painesville (440)-853-2542; Pfizer Vaccine Available--Appointment Only Campus Vaccine Clinic; Lake Erie College (8/25 and 9/15) Pfizer Vaccine Available; Appointment only Email covidvaccine@lec.edu for more information

Those who are not vaccinated for medical or religious reasons may be subject to regular testing, experience academic UNEXCUSED absences due to quarantine, and will be subject to COVID-19 quarantine protocols. Regular testing may occur to ANY unvaccinated individual no matter the reason for status AND/OR any exposed individuals no matter the vaccination status.

Please continue reading for a FAQ about COVID-19 protocols during this fall semester



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### 0: HOW CAN I RECEIVE THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19 AND THE CAMPUS ?

A: The latest campus messages related to COVID-19 and the campus can be found on the website and also in our ReEnvision LEC Plan. The ReEnvision Plan will be updated in the next week when final COVID protocols have been decided?

### **Q: WHAT SOURCES ARE INFORMING LAKE ERIE COLLEGE'S RESPONSE TO COVID?**

A: Lake Erie College's Senior Leadership and Emergency Response Team are utilizing a variety of sources to inform and guide planning and response. This includes up-to-date guidance from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, Lake County Health District and the University Hospital System in addition to various federal, state and local

### **Q: IS THE COLLEGE REQUIRING THE COVID-19 VACCINE?**

A: No, the vaccine is not required, but is strongly encouraged for students and employees.

### Q: WHY ARE YOU COLLECTING THE VACCINATION STATUS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS?

A: No matter your vaccination status, the information is being collected to provide factual data to ERT for future COVID-19 protocol decision making. Please provide your vaccination status by Friday, August 20th so updated protocols can be provided before the first day of classes.

### Q: ARE YOU MAKING EXCEPTIONS FOR UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS?

A: If a student or employee is unvaccinated for religious or health reasons, you are encouraged to share that detail, as some policies (like excused absences) may be different in these cases.

### **Q: IS THE COLLEGE TESTING ANYONE UPON RETURN?**

A: Yes, in compliance with NCAA protocols, Lake Erie College is testing unvaccinated student-athletes who are in their competition season weekly. More options regarding campus wide testing are currently being discussed and will be shared with campus towards the end of August.

### Q: IF I GET VACCINATED. DO I STILL HAVE TO GET TESTED?

A: More information will be shared in the coming weeks, however it is unlikely those who are vaccinated with be required to participate in regular testing unless defined as a direct exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

### 0: WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES ABOUT FACIAL COVERINGS?

A: The wearing of a mask or a protective facial barrier is required while inside any building within our campus community. In addition, it is expected that all members of the campus community will maintain a safe distance (six feet is recommended) from one another. Masks may be removed when outside of buildings assuming a six-foot distance is maintained. If you are outside of your workspace but not alone, masks should be worn.



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### **Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I BECOME SYMPTOMATIC?**

A: Individuals within the campus community are required to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the ReEnvision Plan. You should not come into contact with anyone else and contact your primary care -physician as soon as possible. Please contact Kim Robare (krobare@lec.edu / 440-375-7509 and let her know that you are symptomatic to received more information.

### **Q: ARE WE DOING ANY TYPE OF SYMPTOM SCREENING THIS SEMESTER?**

A: Yes, we will be using the SAFER Survey by Healthy Roster again this semester. Green screens will be required to enter locations with large gatherings, but may not be required to enter classrooms as they have in the past. More information will be available prior to the start of classes.

### **Q: IS QUARANTINE REQUIRED UPON ARRIVAL FOR ANY STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE?**

A: At this time, we are only requiring quarantine for positive tests, exposures and those who are experiencing multiple symptoms.

### **Q: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION?**

A: Quarantine refers to the 10-day separation and monitoring of those exposed to but not (yet) diagnosed with COVID-19. Isolation refers to the separation and monitoring of an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 (even if they show no symptoms).

### **Q: WHAT IS CAMPUS PROTOCOL REGARDING QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION?**

A: In accordance with CDC requirements and recommendations, any community member will be required to isolate after testing positive for COVID-19 no matter vaccination status. Unvaccinated individuals who are exposed to a positive test will be required to quarantine for 7-10 days, with the possibility of testing out on or after day 7 from exposure. Vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine, but will be required to wear a mask in public (inside and outside of buildings) and must get tested 3-5 days after exposure, producing a negative COVID-19 test. Although not required to quarantine, those who are vaccinated will be asked to limit contact with others and will not be permitted to participate in extra curricular activities or large campus events until a negative test is produced.

## Q: IF I TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES TO RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL CAMPUS HOUSING ASSIGNMENT AFTER I AM CLEARED TO RETURN? HOW LONG WILL I BE ASSIGNED TO LIVE IN ISOLATION?

A: According to CDC guidelines, students may leave isolation no sooner than 10 days since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved. CDC guidelines for returning from isolation can be found in the ReEnvision Plan. These guidelines may change, but LEC will continue to stay in accordance with CDC guidelines.



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### 0: WHAT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE RESIDENTIAL SPACES?

A: Quarantine and isolation spaces have been set aside to help slow the spread of COVID-19. In addition to the change in occupancy numbers, guest policies only include those inside our community. Finally, the mask mandate for indoor spaces include the common areas of residential spaces (hallways, bathrooms, lounges, etc). Masks are only permitted to be removed inside an individual room or apartment.

### Q: WILL OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESIDENTIAL HALLS?

A: While observing campus protocols and safety measures, off-campus students are encouraged to still create community while on campus and to visit and connect with faculty, staff, and students across campus.

### **Q: WILL NON LEC MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESIDENTIAL HALLS?**

A: Beginning August 23, 2021, non LEC community members will not be permitted in the residential spaces until updated protocols have been given in the ReEnvision Plan. This excludes family members present for move-in

### 0: CAN RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS FROM ONE BUILDING GO TO ANOTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA?

A: Yes, but residents of another building are considered a guest and should be escorted by the individual living in that building, per the Student Handbook guest policy.

### Q: ARE STUDENTS PERMITTED TO GO HOME AFTER MOVING IN?

A: Although students are permitted to leave campus throughout the semester, they are encouraged to do so at their own risk, taking necessary precautions to protect themselves and the members of the LEC community. Updates to this policy may be made as travel restrictions change.

### Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF MY ROOMMATE(S) TEST POSITIVE OR IS SHOWING SYMPTOMS FOR COVID-19?

A: Quarantine and Isolation spaces are available in the residential buildings for those who have tested positive, been deemed an exposure, or are experiencing symptoms. Students are permitted to quarantine and/or isolate at their permanent residence if they wish.

### **<u>O: ARE SINGLE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS?</u>**

A: Single space requests should have already been submitted. Those interested in a single space can email Terri Link (tlink@lec.edu) and will be put on a waitlist until something comes available. Extra charges may apply.

### Q: IF A SHARED BATHROOM IS CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19, WHERE WILL I GO?

A: Students will be redirected to use another common bathroom in the same building or given alternative options in other buildings if necessary.

### Q: IF I HAVE ON-CAMPUS HOUSING FOR FALL. COULD I BE REQUIRED TO MOVE OFF-CAMPUS?

A: The residential areas will remain open for student use until deemed unsafe by CDC / Lake County Health Officials



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### **Q: IS THE OSBORNE FAMILY ATHLETIC & WELLNESS CENTER OPEN?**

A: Yes, the Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center is currently open and the fitness center has been reconfigured to support distancing. It is open to Lake Erie College students and employees only. Users are required to sign in at the desk and participate in a COVID-19 symptom check. Machines are cleaned and sanitized by the staff, users are required to also properly clean and sanitize the machine prior to and following use.

### **Q: WILL THE LIBRARY BE OPERATIONAL?**

A: Yes. Please check the library's website for current hours.

### Q: WILL STUDENTS BE ALLOWED TO GO OFF-CAMPUS IF LIVING ON-CAMPUS IN THE FALL?

A: Yes, we are hoping that students will still enjoy on and off-campus experiences. When going off campus, we encourage students to engage in healthy practices such as continuing to wear masks, physically distance, wash hands often, and try to avoid large crowds. If possible, avoid interacting with individuals who are sick or exhibiting symptoms.

### **Q: WHAT WILL NCAA DIVISION II ATHLETICS LOOK LIKE?**

A: Lake Erie College Sports Medicine staff, in collaboration with University Hospitals physicians, have developed a plan for competition for all sports this year. In addition, NCAA and Conference protocols are being followed including regular testing for vaccinated individuals and symptom tracking for all student-athletes. Although travel will be involved for competition, the Athletic Department will be following specific guidelines including assigned seats in transportation and pairing of roommates for overnight stays that all remain consistent throughout the competition season.

### **Q: WHAT WILL EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION RIDING LOOK LIKE?**

A: With the exception of the mandated testing of unvaccinated individuals, Equestrian riding teams will follow the same travel protocol as NCAA athletes.

### **Q: WHAT WILL STUDENT SOCIAL LIFE LOOK LIKE?**

A: One of the guiding principles of planning for the spring has been to create as vibrant a campus life as possible within the bounds of health and safety. To this end, much creative thought is going into reimagining events, but student life programming will be in place for students during the spring semester.

### **Q: WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE THE CLASSROOMS ARE SAFE?**

A: Classrooms have been set up to display 3 feet distance between individuals. Based on enrollment projections, some courses are now reassigned to larger classrooms as needed. Disinfectant wipes will be available in classrooms for all to use as they wish.