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## Update on COVID-19 Protocols for Summer & Fall 2021

Dear TCSPP Students,

Across the country, vaccination rates continue to rise, fully vaccinated people no longer have to wear face coverings or socially distance in most settings, and businesses are resuming events and operations. It is exciting to see these changes and it makes me hopeful about what's to come.

Our Return to Campus Committee has been monitoring the new developments and changing guidelines closely for all of our campus locations. We wanted to provide an update on how these changes will impact those of us who are on campus today and/or will be returning to campuses later this summer and into fall. Here is what you need to know:

1. As we have previously communicated, TCSPP will return to in-person instruction and operations at our ground campuses for the Fall 2021 Semester.
2. Although TCSPP strongly encourages all who are able to get the vaccine, **TCSPP will not be mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for students, faculty, and staff who are returning to in-person, on-ground locations in Fall 2021. The exception to this is for our colleagues in the Clinical PsyD program at XULA. XULA is requiring vaccines for all returning students, faculty, and staff.** COVID-19 vaccines are widely safe and effective, and broadly available across the United States. TCSPP strongly encourages all students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated as quickly as possible if they are able.
3. When required to do so by law, TCSPP will ask employees to self-attest to vaccination status and TCSPP will retain a record of who self-attests. TCSPP will not otherwise check or validate vaccine status for students, faculty, or staff. TCSPP expects all community members to abide by and make personal decisions consistent with federal, state, and local guidance.

4. Campuses will continue to maintain up-to-date "[Return to Campus](#)" plans and acknowledgement forms that explain our safety protocols and expectations for all students, faculty, and staff. Plans will be updated as reopening plans as they evolve.
5. TCSPP respects the individual choices of all community members to wear a face covering and/or socially distance at any time. We expect all individuals to respect the choices of others and to comply with local guidance on face coverings as it continues to change. Individuals may choose to wear a face covering or socially distance in indoor and outdoor settings for any reason (e.g., if they choose to wear a mask, if they are not yet vaccinated, if they are not able to be fully vaccinated, or if they are otherwise unwell or uncomfortable).

We appreciate your continued flexibility and patience as we work to ensure a safe Fall 2021 Semester. If you have any questions about this update, please contact your Campus Dean.

Stay healthy and well,  
Michele

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