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Meredith community,

Thank you for all you have done for the first four weeks to help ensure a safe Spring semester. Here a few updates and reminders to help ensure the semester continues to proceed safely and smoothly.

Randomized Testing

Meredith College is implementing randomized PCR testing this semester as an additional COVID-19 prevention strategy. Students who live on campus or who attend in-person classes will be able to participate in the randomized testing program on a volunteer basis. Tests will be conducted on campus at no cost to students. Those who participate will receive a special gift and also be entered in drawings for \$500 grants that will be applied to their Meredith accounts. The purpose of randomized testing is to help reduce asymptomatic spread of COVID-19. Additional information about how to participate will be shared by the Student Health Center.

Classroom Spaces Available for Zoom Classes

For students who would like to use a Meredith space for their Zoom classes, the College has identified classrooms in several academic buildings that can be used for this purpose. These include Joyner, Harris, and SMB. Study rooms may also be [reserved in Carlyle Campbell Library](#). These options are in addition to outdoor seating areas and spaces in Cate Center. Please be sure to observe the space occupancy limit, wear a face covering, and follow posted instructions on where to sit.

Vaccine Webinar

Would you like to know more about COVID-19 vaccines? Our biological sciences faculty will present a [webinar and panel discussion](#) for the Meredith community about vaccine science and COVID-19. Faculty, staff and students have two opportunities to participate in the “COVID-19 Vaccines: Get the Facts” webinar.

- Session 1 on Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. [Register in advance for this webinar](#)
- Session 2 on Friday, February 19 at 10 a.m. [Register in advance for this webinar](#)

Quarantine/Testing Reminder

Please don't forget our new testing recommendation for the Spring semester. If you travel, attend a social event, or spend time around anyone you do not live with, Meredith College recommends quarantining and then obtaining a COVID PCR test 5-7 days into your quarantine period.

Wait for your results to be returned and return to campus only if your PCR test is negative. Free off-site testing is available in many locations. Visit these links for information in [Wake County](#) and [throughout the state](#).

Help us all stay healthy and safe by washing your hands, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. Thank you for your continued attention to these important updates.

--The Executive Leadership Team