

Meredith community,

Thank you for all of your work to make the 2020-21 academic year a success despite the many challenges COVID-19 posed. Because of your creativity, resilience, and cooperation with COVID-19 restrictions, delivering hundreds of classes and events, developing new programs, fielding sports, and graduating two classes in 11 ceremonies across three weekends were among the many things we have been able to accomplish this year.

As we prepare for summer school to start on Monday, here are a few things you need to know about our ongoing work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Community Standards Still in Effect

Regardless of vaccination status, Meredith's [community standards](#) are still in effect this summer. Students, faculty, staff, and guests are still required to socially distance and wear a face covering while indoors, unless in a private office or apartment or actively eating. Effective today, face coverings are no longer required outdoors on campus, as long as 6 feet distance can be maintained between individuals. Masks are still required outdoors if individuals are fewer than 6 feet apart. It is still recommended that you carry a face covering while outdoors in case you encounter any unexpected situations.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Plans

Our best hope for a more normal 2021-22 academic year is for our community to be vaccinated against COVID-19. With this in mind, we fully expect to require the COVID-19 vaccine of students, faculty, and staff this fall and encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Those without proof of vaccination will be required to have a current PCR test. We will have a submission portal up and running in a few weeks, where you can voluntarily submit proof of vaccination if you would like to do so before any requirements go into effect. We will make an announcement on the Staying Strong website when the portal is open.

Your health and safety remain our highest priority. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
The Executive Leadership Team