

Dear Resident,

We are writing you today to provide additional information regarding the start of the new semester and living on campus. As many in-person classes will temporarily convert to remote classes through January 30, 2022, we strongly recommend that you delay your return to campus until January 29, 2022. If you are currently on campus we strongly encourage you make alternative arrangements in the interim, if possible, and return on January 29, 2022.

Spring Semester

Where possible, in-person classes will temporarily convert to remote classes through January 30, 2022. In-person classes and associated services will resume on Monday, January 31, 2022. Deans and Chairs will work with their respective Chancellor's Offices and will communicate academic plans directly with students.

Student Vaccination Requirements

We are now requiring that all vaccinated students obtain a booster vaccination as soon as eligible. Eligibility is defined as six months after the last mRNA (Pfizer, Moderna) vaccine or two months after your J&J vaccine. Those students that are now eligible must obtain a vaccine booster by January 31, 2022, and proof of the booster must be uploaded to the [vaccine portal](#) by that date. Students residing on campus are strongly encouraged to upload by January 15, 2022. More information on scheduling a booster at the university can be found [here](#). Students with approved medical or religious waivers are exempt from the booster requirement.

Dining

The Paul Robeson Cafe will be open for "to go" service only starting January 17, 2022. Normal dining operations will commence in Stonsby Commons on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Student Quarantine and Isolation

Students who test positive or have a confirmed exposure, are strongly encouraged and may be required to quarantine or isolate at their primary residence during the prescribed quarantine period.

On-Campus Protocols and Safety Tips

Established procedures for on-campus activities will continue.

- Libraries and computer labs will remain open to RUID card holders. The libraries will provide contactless and remote services until January 31, 2021. Hours of operation can be found on the library websites.
- Recreation, Student and Campus centers are limited to persons with Rutgers ID cards.
- Use of face coverings while in indoor settings is mandatory, unless seated alone in an enclosed location.
- Self-screening using the [My Campus Pass](#) is still required.
- Using common sense and doing your part of our shared responsibilities continues to be important.

Information regarding university protocols and other essential information can be found at our [Guide to Returning to Rutgers](#).

The health and safety of our community remains our top priority. Protocols will change as we consult with public health agencies and assess data including the number of positive cases in New Jersey, COVID-19 hospitalizations, state and regional hospital capacity, and the severity of the dominant variant. Please continue to look for updates at <https://coronavirus.rutgers.edu>.

If you have any questions regarding this update, please feel free to reach out to our office at housing@newark.rutgers.edu.

The Office of Housing and Residence
Rutgers University - Newark