



XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

Dr. Reynold Verret

President

December 30, 2021

Dear Students,

In light of the national surge of the COVID-19 omicron variant, the university is updating its Spring 2022 reopening plan as follows:

- Classes will be offered remotely from January 10-January 20, 2022. **In-person classes will resume on Monday, January 24, 2022** as public health conditions allow.
 - All classes are suspended on Friday, January 21, 2022 to facilitate move-in.
 - Graduate professional experiential classes will return in a face-to-face environment as scheduled and at their planned locations. Students in the PharmD and Physician Assistant programs will receive special communication from the Dean pertaining to special examinations, modes of instruction and experiential courses
- **Campus will be open as scheduled** for faculty and staff to return to work with enforced hygienic precautions: masking, sanitizing, and distancing.
- **Proper masking is required in all indoor and outdoor spaces.**
- All eligible students, faculty and staff are **required to get a COVID-19 vaccine booster** prior to our return date or at earliest date of medical eligibility. (*Booster eligibility requires time elapsed since their last immunization is 6 months; individuals who recently tested positive for COVID-19 must also delay the booster for 90 days*). Religious or medical exemptions are subject to approval. **Submit your proof of vaccination to Student Health Services via email, healthservices@xula.edu, fax: 504-520-7962 or uploaded through the patient portal at MY XULA. If you test positive, inform Student Health Services and wait for further guidance and instruction.**
- A **negative PCR test result taken within 48 hours** prior to your face-to-face return date is required for the spring 2022 term. Test results should also be submitted to Student Health Services as outlined above.
- Residential students required to return to campus for experiential graduate classes will be allowed to return to campus housing as previously scheduled. New and returning residential students with special circumstances may apply for early return by contacting the Office of Residential Education and Housing.
- Preventative measures such as increased surveillance testing, suspended social events and use of the XULA Safe App daily health check-in app will apply.
- Based upon public health guidelines and indices, plans for our return could be modified. Please check your emails periodically for the latest information.

We closely monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 locally and nationally. In the event of major changes in public health indices, Xavier is ready to adjust as needed.

Best wishes for a safe and Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reynold Verret".

Reynold Verret
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