April 2, 2021 – Campuswide email

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

This has been a positive week in terms of our health and safety efforts, given the nearly 450 vaccines distributed on campus this past Saturday and Wednesday, thanks to our new partnership with Wild Health, Team Kentucky, and the University of Kentucky. Combined with vaccines many of you are receiving at other sites as well, we are on track for a good percentage of the campus community getting inoculated against COVID-19.

I am eager to see these numbers grow even higher, and we will be working to schedule additional vaccine distribution events on campus as possible.

At the same time, it will be important to develop a method by which each of you can voluntarily share your vaccine status to determine when we can open up the campus to more in-person opportunities. During a joint meeting earlier this afternoon of our COVID-19 Crisis Management Task Force and the Health and Safety Committee, the idea was discussed that relaxing even a few of our current policies might take place once we reach a fully vaccinated level of 70 percent. Of course, any changes would be in compliance with evolving guidance from the CDC and state and local health officials.

Significant energy is being devoted to preparing for next week’s Board of Trustees meeting, and we hope to have some exciting news to report the following week. Our trustees remain committed to emerging from the pandemic in a position of strength, and we are fortunate to have their support in the College’s continuing commitment to excellence.

Finally, with their fundraising goal met, church leaders are now pursuing next steps related to the Confederate monument, which they report may involve a temporary storage situation while relocation arrangements in Bellevue Cemetery are being worked out with the city. Because of our interest in a timely resolution to this effort, we will continue to do all we can to help with these important efforts.

I know we are all looking forward to some rest and relaxation this weekend, and I remind everyone that next Tuesday is a much-needed scheduled break day. Please stay focused on your own well-being as you unplug and recharge.

Sincerely,
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