

Dear All,

Hope you all are doing well. You might have noted the [emails from the chancellor](#) on the changes to the COVID policies. Please find below some key points:

1). Based on the CDC guidelines and the new University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign guidelines (Massmail sent on [5/14](#)), fully vaccinated individuals can be in the laboratory without wearing masks or social distancing. The definition of “fully vaccinated” is 14 days after final dose. We are operating on the honor system and request everyone to act appropriately according to their vaccination status. PIs may ask employees if they are fully vaccinated but may not ask why they are not vaccinated.

2). We encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

3). Those who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks and practice social distancing indoors as well as outdoors.

4). Starting 5/17: **Summer testing frequency** COVID-19 testing requirements will move from twice per week to once per week. This change took effect in the Safer Illinois app and Boarding Pass on 5/17.

5). Only authorized personnel are allowed in the building.

6). Anyone attending in-person classes for the Summer 2021 semester will be required to continue to wear face coverings and practice social distancing in instructional spaces.

7). If you have any issues with these revised policies, please discuss them with your advisor or the department head.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely

The Department of Cell & Developmental Biology

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