January 3, 2022

Dear Students,

Happy New Year!!!

There has been a tremendous surge in COVID – 19 cases across the country. In fact, there were more than 400,000 new cases on Sunday, January 2, 2022 and approximately 385,000 new cases on Saturday, January 1, 2022, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. Documented evidence supports that the vaccine and the booster vaccine decrease the spread of the virus and its variants as well as lessens the symptoms if one is infected. With this in mind, Hampton University has decided to require the booster vaccine to continue to safeguard the university community.

All Hampton University students are required to receive the booster vaccine by Friday, January 14, 2022. You should schedule an appointment at your local pharmacy and upload a copy of your new vaccination card to MedProctor by January 14, 2022. **Only those who have met this additional requirement may continue their enrollment at the University AND move into their residence hall.** You must upload an updated vaccination card prior to moving into your residence hall. Students will receive electronic communication from the Health Center within 72 hours of submission so please schedule your move-in accordingly.

A few students have been suspended and expelled from the University for submitting fraudulent vaccination cards. Please be mindful that COVID – 19 continues to impact the country negatively. Your personal choices should not jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the entire campus community.

As a reminder, students who test positive for COVID – 19 should email the Health Center at healthcenter@hamptonu.edu. Please submit your full name, contact information and a copy of your test results. Someone from the Health Center will contact you directly to provide you with specific guidance.

**Note:** Classes will begin remotely on Monday, January 10, 2022. In-person classes will resume on Monday, **January 24, 2022.** Students may report to campus when in-person instruction resumes. A new on-campus testing schedule will be forwarded to all students prior to January 24, 2022. Please refer to your email regularly. Students who are scheduled to return to campus prior to January 24, 2022 may continue to do so. However, you must test on campus, if you plan to arrive prior to January, 24, 2022. Testing will take place in Holland Hall from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022.

All in-person activities are cancelled through January 24, 2022.

Please continue to be safe by wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance.

Hampton Hugs,
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