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Dear New Students,

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY WILL OFFER IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND HOUSNG SUMMER 2021 AND FALL 2021.

Hampton University continues its dedication to prioritizing and maintaining the safety and security of the University community, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 affects people of all demographics, including college students. Individuals at highest risk for serious illness are those who have weakened immune systems or suffer from chronic illnesses like asthma, sickle cell disease, and diabetes.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have indicated that there are several different COVID-19 vaccines offered to aid in the prevention of COVID-19. Each of these vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a step to protect you from COVID-19.

In accordance with the guidance of the CDC and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), as well as our University policies regarding infectious disease, **students will be required to have the COVID-19 vaccine prior to returning to campus, unless medically contraindicated or there is a religious exemption.** The University requires vaccinations like meningitis and varicella, etc., so requiring the COVID-19 vaccination is in concert with prior procedures to keep students, faculty, staff, as well as the community, safe.

If your health care provider deems it medically contraindicated for you to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, you will need to upload the medical documentation from your provider to your Med Proctor account. Once you have activated your Med Proctor account using your @ my.hamptonu.edu email account, the Commonwealth of Virginia Certificate of Religious Exemption (Form CRE-1) can be downloaded, must be notarized and then uploaded back into Med Proctor.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html. We look forward to safely welcoming our Hampton University students back to campus. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Infectious Disease and Prevention Working Group at IDPWGSupport@hamptonu.edu.

Sincerely,
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