

Rush University

COVID-19 Update

To: All Rush University

From: Office of the Provost

Re: Reminder: COVID Restrictions and Best Practices

We want to remind students, faculty and staff that **all non-academic gatherings must be held virtually until further notice** in alignment with the University [Re-Entry Plan & FAQs](#).

These restrictions include student organizations, faculty groups and other Rush departments; this does **NOT** apply to approved in-person courses, labs or clinical rotations or special permitted activities approved by the college and university administration. Many of us have begun to receive or are scheduled to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, vaccination does not exclude anyone from following the guidelines established through the University's Re-Entry Plan for the safety of students, faculty, staff and patients.

We continue to encourage you to be creative and thoughtful in your virtual planning ideas for events, celebrations and gatherings. Please note that the recently updated [CDPH guidelines](#) do allow groups of 50 people or less to gather in a space that allows room for social distancing. If you are invited to an in-person professional event or conference taking place at Rush University Medical Center or elsewhere, you may choose to attend. It is your responsibility to assess situations and decide if they are necessary risks to take for your education and future career.

As a health sciences institution, Rush University is committed to listening to the experts in the fields of public health and epidemiology. Research has not proven conclusively that COVID vaccination adherence prevents the spread of the virus to individuals who have not yet received the vaccine. This requires all of us to continue using the proven prevention methods we've used over the past year: masking, hand washing and social distancing are still mandatory on campus.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to staying engaged while staying safe.

If you have questions regarding COVID, safety protocols or the vaccine, please contact UnivCommandCtr@rush.edu.