

Dear Students,

Welcome to the January edition of “Q&A with the VP” and the first one of the spring semester! This email series will appear in your inbox monthly during the academic year and is designed to help increase communication between students and Administration. To submit your questions for the February 2022 newsletter, please email [hfrench@fontbonne.edu](mailto:hfrench@fontbonne.edu). As questions submitted may not always be within my purview of responsibility, if I don't know the answer, I will reach out to my colleagues or do some research to find out. Here goes!

**Q: If I am not going to be on campus for the first two weeks do I still need to take a COVID test?**

A: For commuter students who are participating in remote instruction for the first two weeks of classes, or for fully online students, you will not be required to complete weekly COVID tests. Unvaccinated residential students who have chosen to return to campus do need to complete weekly testing during the period of remote instruction. Anyone that will be on campus or at a practicum site associated with your educational program for any period of time will need to complete a weekly COVID test.

As a reminder, all unvaccinated students and those who have not already submitted their vaccine card to the [vaccine status form](#) will be required to provide a negative COVID test upon return to the main campus following winter 2021 break. Please note, when submitting vaccine status be sure to upload a picture of your vaccine card, including the booster, if applicable. Students who are required to test should [upload weekly COVID test results here](#).

**Q: What if I cannot find COVID testing sites with open appointments in the community?**

A: We are currently able to offer on-campus testing for those required to test per our campus policy. At this time, we will not be able to administer COVID tests to vaccinated individuals unless recommended by campus officials.

Fontbonne is partnering with a vendor called Curative to bring free, end-to-end PCR testing to the campus and local community. We anticipate their testing kiosk to be up and running on campus around February 8<sup>th</sup> and will confirm the official opening once we get closer to that date. This will allow greater access to testing services for our entire campus community and surrounding neighborhoods.

**Q: Is food service currently open on campus?**

A: Yes. Dining is back open for regular hours but they are currently only offering to-go service only. No dine-in available. Residential students and employees on campus are encouraged to take their food back to their rooms/offices to eat.

Similarly, campus is open and most offices are staffed throughout the business day, but you may want to email or

call ahead to confirm before you come as some staff are working remotely for periods of time. If that is the case you could also schedule Zoom appointments as needed.

**Bonus Announcements:**

- **For the most up-to-date information on our campus COVID response please visit our website, [here](#).** The University will continue to monitor the ongoing public health situation and make a determination about in-person instruction by next week. Students can expect more information on or before Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Next Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – [RSVP now](#)** for Virtual Trivia Night to receive the Zoom link to join. Why not have some fun while we are all staying home and trying to stay safe? You will need to download the “Kahoot!” app to your smartphone to play the game and simultaneously join the Zoom link via computer. There will be prizes!!!
- **FREE Live, Virtual Zumba Series in February!** - [Sign up here](#) to receive the Zoom link and invitation to join this dance fitness class on Tuesday eves @ 7pm Central throughout the month of February.
- **A special message from Therese Jacques, Director of Counseling and Wellness:**

*Hey Griffins, it's important to me that we cultivate an environment at Fontbonne University that allows all students to thrive. Health and well-being strongly influence student success, so promoting health and well-being on campus are central to our Mission. I am reaching out to ask you to complete the Missouri Assessment of College Health Behaviors (MACHB), which will begin on January 25 through February 4, 2022. Please note, the link to complete the survey will be sent via email from Missouri Partners in Prevention. The survey is confidential and takes approximately 25 minutes to complete. Those who complete also have the possibility of winning a \$50 gift certificate to the bookstore. I care about you and the health of our campus. I hope you will support me in this effort.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Therese M. Jacques, LPC*

*Director, Counseling and Wellness*

Wishing you all a successful start to the new year, albeit virtually. It will be so nice to see you back on campus soon. And in the meantime please let me know if you have any questions, or if there is anything that we in Student Affairs can do to be of support.

Sincerely,

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