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Office of the Chancellor

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Dear Southern University at New Orleans Community:

As we continue to enjoy our holiday break and look forward to a peaceful, prosperous, and safe new year, we find ourselves amid a global pandemic.

The University continues its steadfast commitment to providing a safe environment for all faculty, staff, and students. By continuing to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, we aim to facilitate and practice safety precautions. With that being said, we are taking proactive measures to combat COVID-19 on our campus.

Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases and the severity of the Omicron variant, Southern University at New Orleans will follow the guidelines below for the start of the spring semester.

Please take note of the following dates:

- Campus will reopen for business on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**.
- Residential housing Move-In Day will still take place on **Friday, January 14-Monday, January 17, 2022**.
- Classes will be held *virtually* beginning **Tuesday, January 18-Monday, January 31, 2022**. More information forthcoming.

Employees will work remotely **January 4-14, 2022**. A staggered schedule will be implemented **January 18-31**. All essential employees, as determined by their respective supervisors, will be required to come to work in person as needed during the remote/staggered schedule. Further details will be provided to faculty from Dr. Gregory Ford, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Employees who are not vaccinated must take a COVID-19 PCR test and provide a negative test result prior to returning to work in-person. The COVID-19 testing schedule and more information are forthcoming.

As part of [SUNO's Spring 2022 COVID-19 Protocols](#), all employees and students should still upload proof of vaccination or other relevant documentation to our [Document Submission](#) page. The university continues its mask mandate for all areas of campus.

To maintain social distance and to further safeguard the university against COVID-19, students, employees, and guests are encouraged to utilize online services to avoid coming to campus unless necessary. Updates will continue to be sent to campus emails and posted to the university's [website](#) and official social media channels.

Visit our [COVID-19 Updates and Information](#) page for continuous messaging. Thank you again for your resilience during this ongoing pandemic and your commitment to a healthy and safe return.

With kind regards,

James H. Ammons, Jr., PhD Executive
Vice President-Chancellor

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