

Good afternoon,

Just a couple of updates on our COVID preparation for the spring semester:

**Booster Documentation:** We have added the function to the [check-in portal](#) to allow you to add a booster shot when you get one. Look for the menu in the top right corner of the screen, then go to “My Vaccinations.” Clicking the button that says “Upload Booster Document” will give you specific instructions. (Many people are simply taking a picture of their vaccination card with their phone, then uploading that to the portal.)

**Booster Requirement (Residential Students):** The USM has determined that anyone living in on-campus housing (including Edgewood) must be “optimally vaccinated,” meaning they should have a booster once they become eligible, or they must have an authorized medical or religious exemption and participate in the twice-weekly testing program. (Exemption requests can be made under My Vaccinations in the [check-in portal](#).) While I recommend getting the booster as soon as you can, we are working on setting up a booster clinic at the beginning of the semester. Watch your email for more details.

**COVID Over Break:** If you tested positive for COVID over winter break, please upload your test results to the check-in [portal](#) (see instructions above, but choose “My COVID 19 Tests”), and contact Brady Health (students) or Human Resources (employees). Depending on the timing and your vaccination status, this may have an impact on your participation in the required Universal Testing upon your return to campus after break.

**Home Tests:** The Maryland Department of Health, with the goal of continuing to keep track of the number of COVID-19 cases in the state, has created a portal for Maryland residents to use to upload positive results from take-home COVID-19 tests. Information and the upload link can be found here: [covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport](https://covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport).

Please continue to stay safe.

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