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Memorandum

TO: West Liberty University Family

FROM: W. Franklin Evans, Ph.D. *WFE*
President

DATE: 5 August 2021

RE: New Covid Precautions

We are excited to be planning for an amazing upcoming academic year. All across the nation, thousands of students will be returning to their campuses and preparing to navigate this “new norm.” This pandemic has brought about many challenges, but West Liberty University has strategically been able to maintain a safe and healthy working and learning environment, and this continues to be our goal as the new academic year commences.

As news and information about the Delta variant continue to circulate, the University has worked diligently to evaluate and outline updated campus guidelines that we believe are in the best interest of the West Liberty Family and its community. West Virginia is experiencing an increase in the number of Covid cases. We are still convinced that being vaccinated is a good choice to help combat this virus and help reduce its spread. Thus, we continue to urge and encourage persons to get vaccinated, especially since the number of Covid-19 cases has risen. Consequently, the University will continue to follow CDC guidelines, and that information can be found at the following CDC link: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>). Effective August 9, 2021, the University **will require all individuals** to wear a mask inside campus buildings, offices, classrooms, and laboratories regardless of one’s vaccination status. Of course masks may be taken off when individuals are alone in their respective offices or residence hall rooms.

Our Covid Task Force is monitoring the virus very closely and will work to ensure that the best decisions regarding the health and safety of the campus is a priority. The experts remind us that the vaccine remains the best defense against this virus. The University will have a vaccination clinic on campus sponsored by the Ohio County Health Department on Wednesday, September 1. There will be a second clinic held on September 22 to provide individuals with the final dose. Therefore, if you have not already taken the vaccine, we are making it available to you here on campus. You are urged to get vaccinated!

I am expecting great things this fall semester for West Liberty University, and if we all work together, we can continue to successfully move forward through this pandemic.