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Happy Thanksgiving, Jaguar Family!

In this season of Thanksgiving, allow me to express my sincerest gratitude to this campus community for your collective efforts to ensure a healthy and safe environment. Since the onset of COVID-19, faculty, staff and students have risen to the occasion and followed the established protocols. I cannot thank you enough for remaining vigilant and adhering to our campus mitigation efforts. To maintain our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our campus communities, and consistent with other institutions of higher education, we have instituted vaccine protocols for the upcoming Spring 2022 semester.

Beginning this spring, all students and employees at Southern University System (SUS) campuses will be required to comply with our vaccine protocols. For students, this means providing proof of vaccination, submitting a medical or religious exemption, or submitting a letter of dissent.

For employees, this means providing proof of vaccination or submitting a medical or religious exemption. For those students and employees with approved exemptions or dissent, regular COVID-19 testing is required to be on campus.

IMPORTANT DATES for both students and employees at all campuses:

Friday, December 3, 2021 — deadline for STUDENTS to submit an exemption request or letter of dissent;
and

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 — deadline for EMPLOYEES to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination / medical or religious exemptions.

It is important to note, proof of partial vaccination may be submitted by the aforementioned dates, however, proof of full vaccinations (first and second shots, accordingly) must be submitted no later than **January 7, 2022** in order to be in compliance with the SUS COVID-19 vaccination protocols. Students who have not submitted proof of vaccination, an exemption, or letter of dissent for the Spring 2022 semester are at risk of having classes dropped, and employees who do not submit proof of vaccination or exemption may face disciplinary actions.

All campuses are using Med+Proctor, a current software partner, to upload and verify documents. To access this portal, you must use your SUS credentials (firstname.lastname@sus.edu). If you need assistance with your login credentials, please contact your campus IT Department.

For more information about the Spring 2022 COVID-19 vaccine protocols and campus vaccination resources, go to sus.edu/vaccine.

As always, I thank you for your support and continued cooperation in keeping our campuses safe for all, and again, Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.



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