

Covid Meeting Notes from 12.8.22 at 11am

Participants:

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Recommendations coming from the meeting:

- 1) SGU should not be a restricted campus for the Spring semester (doors unlocked, free movement)
- 2) SGU should no longer require the Covid vaccine to attend in person and hybrid classes. There are very few positives and considerable negatives to continuing this practice at this time.
- 3) SGU should be proactive in encouraging health on campus, including:
 - + Providing flu clinics and covid shots during registration
 - + Putting up signs to remind students to stay home if they are sick and having instructors make it less difficult to get make-up work.
 - + Students that are not vaccinated should be extra courteous and consider what extra precautions they can take
- 4) As of the now, the policy created in the fall for staff dealing with Covid should remain the same

Next meeting: January TBD

Notes:

- + Cases are slightly on the rise, but zero covid cases are in the hospital. Flu and RSV are more dangerous now.
- + Flu rises in the winter (people indoors) and we will see spikes after the holidays.
- + Reports and public information from government sources are becoming less reliable and less thorough
- + Data on the vaccination shows that it doesn't do much to limit the spread of covid but really is a protection for individuals to reduce the severity if one becomes infected

Recommendations coming from the meeting:

- + The team is recommending that all doors on campus be unlocked (unless they are locked for a safety and security reason)

- + The team has rewritten the Covid-19 policy and sends it to the President's Council as a recommendation

- + The team recommends that we carry our vaccination requirement through the rest of the school year

- + The team recommends that, if the new policy is approved, that it becomes the sole policy posted and followed around campus

Next meeting: Oct 19 at 9:30am, online

Notes:

- + Local update: (Ronnie) In the moderate range locally right now. Current version is not near as invasive and we have medications that work now.
- + New CDC Regs:
 - + Instead of quarantine if exposed, just wear a mask and get tested on day 5
 - + Only 5 days recommended for isolation, come back to work when fever-free for 24hrs, and wear masks for 5 days
- + The team updated the Covid policy in line with CDC guidance, local input, and conservative projections
- + Next meeting: Oct 19 at 9:30am, send things for agenda to Cheryl
- + Discussion around campus doors being unlocked
- + Dan will send notes to Jim, send out policy to team