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## We're Getting There: Info on Testing and Involvement

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Huskies,

I write this while listening to our National Day of Racial Healing speaker, Feminista Jones. Her remarks are a call to all of us to utilize the academy -our UConn- to confront oppression and embrace every mind and person that enriches our educational home. That's you. All of you.

Allow me to use this as an opportunity to say you are all welcome and needed at UConn. I welcome the world that your actions transform.

Thank you, [ODI](#), for providing us with these powerful moments that allows us to cherish each other and follow a path away from complacency and towards transformation. The work of access and inclusion is done together and I'm grateful to the students, faculty, activists, and colleagues who continue to lead us in this journey.

Thank you for all of your efforts this past week to enable UConn to return to what matters most: a community that learns and grows together.

Great news: [Omicron appears to be peaking](#) in Connecticut. That means we can move-in during the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> and resume in-person learning. It also means we are right to pursue a cautious opening to further encourage this decrease in the Omicron surge. As a reminder:

- **Pre-arrival testing:** You must submit a test to the Student Health portal [taken within three days before arrival on campus](#). PCR or antigen tests are fine. Students who test positive will remain at home to self-isolate until medically cleared.

- **Arrival testing** is available [on all campuses](#):

- **Storrs Off-Campus:**

- Saturday, 1/22 and Sunday, 1/23

- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (no appointment necessary)

- Rome Commons Ground Floor (free parking available in Lot S)

- **Storrs Residential Students:**

- Saturday, 1/29 and Sunday, 1/30

- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (no appointment necessary)

- Rome Commons Ground Floor

- **Regional Campuses:**

- All regional campuses will be offering Arrival Testing the week of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

- More information about dates and times will be provided to students directly by the individual campuses.

- Opening in [red](#) with physical distancing in most locations and full masking. Please refer to the [campus guidelines](#) for additional information. UConn Recreation and Student Activities are prepared to expand their services to meet campus needs and interests. Outdoor programming will be encouraged and I am happy to announce our newest tradition, the skating rink will open on February 3rd!

As I shared in my Jan 3 email, **boosters are required for all eligible students** as part of our COVID-19 policy. Students who have received a medical or non-medical exemption are not required to be boosted.

My friends in Student Health and Wellness launched a #GetBoostedUConn social media campaign to encourage [eligible students to get boosted](#) and current with their COVID-19 vaccination. Please contact [Michelle Tirabassi](#), publicity and marketing coordinator for UConn's Student Health and Wellness, to get involved.

We're doing this. Together. And I'm grateful to each and every one of you.

See you soon.

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