

From: On behalf of [Amanda Moore McBride](#)
Subject: [col-sw-stu-MSW] winter quarter: COVID protocol reminders
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Greetings, Denver Campus MSW Students,

I write regarding COVID and the concerning growth of the Omicron variant worldwide. As we have throughout the pandemic, GSSW will continue to prioritize the health and wellness of all in our school community as we face this new wave.

DU will track developments carefully over the next two weeks before the start of winter quarter. Please check your DU email periodically for any possible changes in protocols.

As of right now, [testing will open](#) at the care pod off Buchtel on December 27. You must have a negative test result from DU on record in order to receive clearance, which allows you to attend classes in person as well as your internships. Note that graduate classes will be remote the week of January 3 to allow for testing all members of the DU community.

Additionally, all DU students and employees must secure a COVID vaccine booster before January 31, unless exemptions are registered (please see the Chancellor's email from Friday, December 17, copied below).

I have reconstituted GSSW's Denver Campus COVID Academic Task Force, which is comprised of student, staff, and faculty representatives from across our school (membership listed below). They will be available as needed beginning in January to review data and advise on any possible changes to instruction, field education, or other aspects of the educational experience that are unique to GSSW's Denver Campus MSW and PhD programs.

With a new year upon us and as we grapple with the unknowns that a new COVID wave brings, it is my hope that you will have a deeply restorative break and a healthy new year. Please take care of you and yours.

Thank you,
Amanda

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GSSW Denver Campus COVID Academic Task Force: Appointed Members (those who served on the prior COVID task force are noted as continuing)

- Co-chairs, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, Leslie Hasche (continuing) and Jennifer Greenfield
- MSW Denver Campus Program Director, Kate Ross (continuing)
- Student services, Deana Ahmad (continuing)
- Office of Field Education, Jessica Zaslav
- Doctoral student representatives, Pari Shah and Brendon Holloway
- MSW Denver Campus student representatives, three GSA student reps, Caitlin Konya, foundation year; Lynn Kutner, concentration year; and TBD, advanced standing
- Instructional design and support, Akio Correll (continuing)
- Inclusive excellence representative, Julianne Mitchell
- Foundation faculty representative, Nicole Nicotera (continuing)

- Concentration faculty representatives, Lisa Reyes Mason and Brian Gonzales (continuing)
- International courses, Ann Petrla
- Additional faculty, Eugene Walls (continuing) and Donny Gerke (continuing)

Chancellor's Email

December 17, 2021

Dear DU community members,

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, promoting the health and safety of our community remains our top priority. In furtherance of this goal, we will require **all** community members who are subject to DU's vaccination requirement to receive their COVID-19 booster vaccination by January 31, 2022, or as soon thereafter as you become eligible for a booster ([per CDC recommendations](#)). Recent increases in COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and abroad, the rapid infection rate of the omicron variant, and updates from the [World Health Organization](#) all informed this decision. You may have recently learned of several college campuses having to limit in-person experiences due to on-campus outbreaks in the past few weeks.

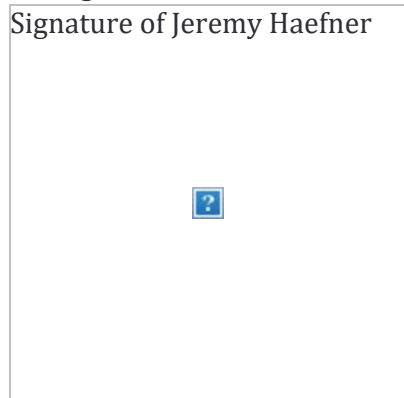
You can receive your booster dose at a location convenient to you. Once you have received your booster, please upload a copy of your updated vaccine card to your MyHealth portal, found on du.edu/health-and-counseling-center.

The DU COVID-19 coordinator will soon provide more details, including guidelines for boosters based on your prior vaccine, the timeline for those who have recently tested positive for COVID-19, and information about a limited number of booster appointments on campus. If you have an approved exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement through DU's exemption process, you do not need to file any additional exemption paperwork. However, if you have been vaccinated and are unable to receive a third dose, please see our [COVID-19 vaccination page](#) for more information.

We appreciate your assistance as we respond quickly to changing circumstances as well as your shared commitment to keeping the DU community safe and healthy.

Take good care,

Signature of Jeremy Haefner



Jeremy Haefner
Chancellor

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