



Parents: The email below was sent to all students yesterday that includes important updates and

information. As an important partner in their journey here at Lipscomb, we thank you for entrusting your student to us during this very unique and challenging time in the world around us. Thank you for encouraging your student to do their part to protect the Bison herd and thank you for embracing with us this unusual semester. Remember to visit the Return to Campus website for the latest updates and dashboard

information and to send any questions or concerns you may have to COVIDquestions@lipscomb.edu. The Incident Management Team Prentice Ashford, Kim Chaudoin, Kevin Eidson, Susan Galbreath, Kathy Hargis, Carol

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As October draws to a close, we are in the homestretch of the semester with just FOUR WEEKS to go until the Thanksgiving break. However there is still much work to be done

Students —

our part to keep the spread small and manageable to protect the health and safety of every member of the Bison Herd. In this email, you will find important reminders and updates on the following topics. 1. All Bisons Care Reminder 2. Bison Break

to finish this semester strong, and it will take each and every one of us committing to do

3. Event Guidelines

- 4. Flu Shot Reminder
- 5. Academic Advising
- 6. Countdown to Thanksgiving
- All Bisons Care Reminder While our fall semester started strong, over the last few weeks there has continued to be

matter of fact, we have seen our highest total numbers in isolation and quarantine this

exposure to a positive case converting at a higher rate to ultimately test positive for COVID themselves. These trends in the Lipscomb community are matching the increasing number of positive cases in the city of Nashville and in Tennessee. While the Lipscomb community numbers are not a large percentage of our community, they are a concerning trend that if left unaddressed can very quickly result in the need for larger community-wide actions. Last week we had our highest daily total of positive tests with 10 positive tests in one day and had our first report of hospitalization due to COVID for a member of our community. We must maintain our vigilance to follow our COVID safety protocols for the

a continued and marked increase in the COVID-19 statistics among our community. As a

past week. Also, there is an uptick in the number of those who are in quarantine due to

to do your part. • Follow our simple protocols to help protect the entire Lipscomb community: wear a mask, practice physical distancing, wash your hands frequently and stay home when you are sick or are experiencing COVID symptoms.

• Be cautious and deliberate when out in the community. What you do off campus is as important as what you do on campus as the number of positive cases are on the rise

health and safety of our community. Please join with us in strengthening your resolve

in the Nashville community and area counties. The activities you participate in offcampus can have a tremendous impact on our campus with additional risk of exposure to the virus.

• Let's also do our part to help our friends and colleagues remember and follow

and quarantine beds on campus remains high and our employee capacity is also strong. Bison Break

The Office of Student Life is coordinating a full day of activities that include a Harry

Don't forget Bison Break scheduled for TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 28, as a day for undergraduate students to breathe and have a day to rest and recharge!

Potter Movie marathon, guided meditation with the Counseling Center, pumpkin painting

• Even with the increases in our community we are seeing, the availability of isolation

& hot apple cider in Bison Square, Zombie Zumba, SGA Picnic Baskets and much more!! Check today's Have You Heard email from Al Sturgeon, vice president of student life and

dean of students, for full details.

these guidelines.

Event Guidelines Events and activities are an integral part of campus life and are traditionally a part of our thriving community. Guidelines and protocols have been established to protect the health and safety of the Lipscomb community during this pandemic to offer these events and activities when possible in a way that protects the wellbeing of everyone. Currently Nashville-Davidson County is in Phase 3 of the Roadmap to Reopening

Nashville. Requirements under Phase 3 include group gathering limits of 25, mask requirements in public, and various capacity limits for entertainment venues and an approval process with Metro for events with more than 25 people that may be approved for 30% of the venue capacity or a maximum of 500 people, assuming proper physical

distancing and mask requirements are followed. As a thriving university we are

respectful of the guidelines issued by the city and are following as closely as possible these guidelines while also moving in a few, limited areas to approve exceptions on a case-by-case basis when the event is deemed reasonable for our community needs and

abides by all other event management protocols in this document and in the Return to Campus requirements. To submit a review request for an in-person event or activity, follow these simple steps: 1. Review the institution's event management protocols for details about COVID protocols, event design, size, food guidelines and other helpful information. 2. Develop a plan for your event that follows the guidelines. Also develop a short description of your event including the purpose of the event, number of participants, location and other details. 3. Present and discuss your event idea with your group sponsor. Students should contact their organization's faculty or staff sponsor or the student life office to discuss

semester takes place November 9-13. Academic advisors will help you select courses to continue to make progress on your degree plan and that fit into your schedule this

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing this fall and flu season around the corner, Lipscomb University has made plans to ensure that every university student and Lipscomb employee (academy and university) has access to a FREE flu vaccination given on campus this fall (no insurance information needed!). Make sure to get your

Academic Advising Academic advising is underway through November 6. Pre-registration for spring

4. Organization sponsor can submit an event exception request. Only employees can submit an event exception request form. The review team will review submitted

vaccination! Upcoming flu vaccination clinics: • October 28: Noon-3 p.m., Bison Square

Vaccines will be administered by student pharmacists and physician assistants. The flu vaccine will be administered as a Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine for students ages 18-49 for

those who qualify for this format. Students over age 49 will receive the vaccine as an injection. At this time, the FREE flu vaccine is available only to current Lipscomb

and doing your part!

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The Incident Management Team

University students and employees.

Flu Shot Reminder

their event.

events and reply within two business days.

spring. Spring 2021 classes begin on January 11.

• October 29: Noon-3 p.m., Bison Square

<u>here</u>. Please complete this <u>consent form</u> prior to getting your flu vaccination to keep the process safe and expedient for everyone! Countdown to Thanksgiving As we mentioned we are only FOUR WEEKS — 25 days — away from Thanksgiving break! The countdown is ON! After Thanksgiving break classes and exams will be

offered in a remote format and residential students may choose to remain at home or return to the dorms for the remaining few weeks of the semester. And we need every member of the Lipscomb community to continue their diligent efforts to protect the herd to finish the push to the Thanksgiving break STRONG by following the COVID protocols

Learn more about the nasal spray flu vaccine here and about the injectable vaccine

Remember to visit the Return to Campus website for the latest updates, the Campus COVID Statistics <u>dashboard</u> for the COVID weekly report and to email questions to COVIDquestions@lipscomb.edu.

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