Hi everyone,

As Dean Wilkin has noted, everyone, including all Library employees, must be able to show their building entry status as "Granted" in order to enter any University Library-managed buildings or spaces. To that end, we'd like to update you on the processes we will be using to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff as they access Library buildings.

The methods that will be utilized to determine an individual's building access status are supported by and consistent with guidance from campus. I'd also like to emphasize that we will use every means possible to communicate these requirements to our users and that we will supply additional information for communication, as soon as possible.

In brief: Patrons must demonstrate that building access permission has been granted by campus before being permitted access to Library buildings or spaces.

Specifically, we will check the building access status of campus community members through the Safer Illinois app (or other campus-approved methods). This includes those patrons who are utilizing the pick-up service at the Main Library and Grainger Engineering Library Information Center (GELIC), as well as those accessing Main, the Undergraduate Library (UGL), and GELIC for appointments. A future message will cover status requirements for Library employees.

In keeping with that, faculty, staff, and students who come to Library-managed buildings or spaces to retrieve books or technology from locker pick-up, or to meet individuals in the Library for appointment-based services, will be asked to show building access status on the Safer Illinois app or via the Boarding Pass option mentioned in the campus message. At present, we understand that the Library will receive Wellness Safety Associate (WSA) coverage for those Library facilities hosting on-site study spaces - GELIC and UGL - once those services commence. In the meantime, Library personnel will be checking the status of patrons at the designated entryways when they arrive at locations offering pick-up service and appointments.

Checking the status of our campus community members (faculty, staff, and students) is crucial to the overall well-being and health of our campus. To that end, we will begin this process on Monday, August 24th and continue until such time that it is determined to no longer be necessary.

In order to make this happen, we need assistance from our own personnel. With proper training, volunteers will support screening efforts at GELIC and UGL until the WSAs start and at the Main Library until such time that WSAs are approved. In the short term, GELIC and UGL will manage this with their employees. In the Main Library, some Central Access Service (CAS) staff members as well as several of us from Library Administration will be functioning in the role, but more help is needed.

The University has implemented a two-hour training program, and we are seeking volunteers

to complete the training (the first being on the evening of August 24th) and help monitor entryways. Contact us as soon as possible if you are willing and able to serve in this important role. Please note the following:

- You may be asked to serve in UGL, GELIC, or Main, and we will consult with you when creating the schedule.
- Supervisors may need to approve your service in this role.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

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