Colleagues:

As we move into crunch time for this semester, we have quite a bit of relevant information to convey:

- The State and CUPHD have now made the vaccine available to all university employees. Watch these locations for availability notifications and links to signup forms:
  - https://www.c-uphd.org/covid-vaccinations.html
  - https://twitter.com/CU_PublicHealth
  - https://www.facebook.com/CUPHD

- The university’s COVID-19 saliva test is available for university family and household members now. See details in this Massmail:
  - https://massmail.illinois.edu/massmail/949213898.html

- There is a paid COVID-19 Vaccine Research Study for students (18 – 26 years old) who will be here on campus over the summer. More information is here:
  - https://covid19innovations.research.illinois.edu/research-studies/

- Our “Phase 5” planning is progressing quickly, and the core planning team will be meeting this afternoon. In addition, we are scheduling meetings with unit heads to discuss service options. A lot is in flux, and we know the governor is preparing a “bridge” plan, which will allow the university and the Library to gradually increase in-person services.
  - We are planning with the assumptions that the campus will have a large degree of in-classroom instruction this fall and that the Library will phase in our reopening plans over the summer and fall. We will incorporate some levels and options, so we can adjust as the campus issues specific guidance and requirements. We will share drafts of the plans as they are formulated and discussed with the Dean and campus administration. In the meantime, please let us know if you have specific questions or options for us to consider.

- We will be announcing the architect/engineer selected for the archives and special collections building soon. We will share that announcement with all of you as soon as we have the green light.

- The Undergraduate Library/Main Library Integration Working Group consists of
smaller working groups that are consulting with all units on priorities; investigating new or blended services, spaces, collections, and personnel; and putting together draft recommendations. Final reports from the working groups are due to the steering committee next month. An open forum is scheduled for April 8 where Working Group co-chairs will lead a presentation of highlights from all the group recommendations and field questions from attendees.

- Finally, we thought we would pass along an excellent list of COVID-19 Mental Health Resources. We realize with uncertainty comes unease and oftentimes stress. Please continue to take care of yourselves!

Best,

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