

Operation Resurgent Campus

Cardinal Day Frequently Asked Questions

June 2, 2021

The following questions and responses are as of Tuesday, June 2, 2021. The reentry plan for 2021-2022 will be fluid throughout the summer as we adopt new guidance from the CDC and local health department.

1. What is Operation Resurgent Campus?

Operation Resurgent Campus (ORC) is a byproduct of Jewell's Operation Safe Campus (OSC), a guide that the College used to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. ORC utilizes a tier structure that changes protocols based on different defined metrics. These protocols emphasize the role of vaccination in relaxing current mask and distancing protocols that were used in OSC.

The College is confident that transmission was low on campus in 2020-21 because of the mitigation protocols put in place by OSC. The College's holistic response of protocols with ORC provides a new and improved method of containing the spread of the virus on-campus, including acceptable use of facial coverings, social distancing, testing, etc.

2. Will the College have on-ground classes next year?

Yes, Jewell was fortunate to conduct the 2020-2021 academic year in-person and we plan to be in-person for 2021-22; for only a few weeks in November and early December 2020 did the College conduct all classes virtually. Our goal for the 2021-22 year is to not only have on-ground classes, it is to engage in the full college experience, both in the classroom and in all college-sponsored student activities.

3. Will COVID-19 vaccination be required of employees and students?

Yes, Jewell announced a vaccination mandate on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Although the COVID-19 vaccines may currently be in Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the College will require the COVID-19 vaccination for the 2021-2022 academic year of both employees and students as a matter of public health. Students will complete a [Health History and Immunization Record Form](#) and [upload to eTrieve](#) to be reviewed by the Student Health Center.

4. How can I find out more about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines?

Scientific evidence is available on the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. We encourage you to visit <https://Covidvaccine.mo.gov> or <https://www.cdc.gov> for reliable information.

5. What if I'm concerned about my health and receiving the vaccine?

While the [evidence supports](#) that the vaccine is safe and provides protection against symptoms of the virus as well as spread of the virus, allowable exemptions for medical or religious reasons

by students may be reported as such on the [Health History & Immunization Record Form](#). If accommodations are needed, they should be sought using the normal processes; students should contact [Accessibility Services](#). However, for the College to progress from ORC Level A-2 to A-1, and eventually Level A, we will be reliant upon a significant majority of our community to be vaccinated for 2021-22.

6. Why does Operation Resurgent Campus Level A-1 only reach 50% vaccinated on campus?

In discussions with the Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC) and Liberty Hospital, the College was advised to establish a plan that was progressive and had goals consistent with local health department expectations. Our primary goal is to reach herd immunity on a micro-level (Jewell community); however, we do not want our risk level to remain stagnant as the county reduces restrictions, therefore built the metrics within the framework to be fluid.

7. What does “reaches saturation” mean in Operation Resurgent Campus?

In separate discussions with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), CCPHC and Liberty Hospital, the College was advised that, in the months ahead, there is a point when all individuals who want the vaccine will have received it, and all who do not, will remain unvaccinated. At saturation, vaccination rates no longer change. The College will reach herd immunity before saturation is expected.

8. Where is the best place to receive the vaccine now?

HyVee and other pharmacies continue to have available vaccines and timely appointments. The College is planning to hold a vaccination clinic on-campus in August to vaccinate anyone who did not have an opportunity over the summer months. It is expected that by September vaccines may be readily available within the Student Health Center by appointment. At this time all COVID-19 vaccinations are given at no cost and proof of insurance is not required.

9. How will the variant strains of the virus change the College’s plans?

We anticipate a very fluid response to the variants, as the CDC continues to gather information. It is of note that both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to date show positive results against the variants in the U.S. Individuals who opt-out of the vaccine should be cognizant of variant spread within Missouri, as evidence indicates that they are more easily transmissible and have more severe symptoms.

10. Will the College continue to conduct COVID-19 testing and isolation for those who test positive or quarantine all close contacts?

The College will continue symptomatic testing in the Student Health Center but is not planning to conduct regular asymptomatic and surveillance testing unless guidance and/or requirements change (e.g. GLVC requirements).

Fully vaccinated individuals are able to self-monitor their health after known or suspected exposures rather than entering quarantine per CDC guidance. Individuals who have an approved

exemption of the vaccine may be responsible for the cost of the COVID-19 test and accountable for quarantining as necessary.

11. What will the classroom experience look like in the fall?

The College is preparing for a normal classroom setting, which does not include six feet of social distancing (one may be required to mask in some situations) and using traditional classroom spaces only.

12. How can I request a learning accommodation for COVID-19?

All accommodations, including those as a result of COVID-19 or other criteria, are directed to Accessibility Services. [Click here for the website.](#)

13. If I and others are vaccinated, can we meet without facial coverings?

Fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or distancing. Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a facial covering until ORC Level A-1.

14. What if I'm not ready to take off my mask or I see others with their masks off and I feel unsafe?

Students will be supported to continue to wear facial coverings at their discretion. It is important for all individuals who are high(er)-risk to receive the vaccine as it provides the necessary protection if exposed to someone who is asymptomatic and positive for COVID-19 (low-risk). It is also important to understand that COVID-19 is likely to never leave our community entirely and that we all must play a part in keeping the College as safe as possible.

15. Will visitors be allowed on campus?

The College will reduce the restrictions on visitors in Level A-2. Many visitors have been coming to campus for athletic events and other approved purposes. There will be activities occurring on campus this summer that have not been permitted for over a year but there will be an expectation of following protocols in place.

16. Will the plexiglass and air filtration systems across campus be removed?

Air filtrations provide obvious benefits not related to COVID. However, some of them are located in distracting locations and may be relocated. Plexiglass will remain up in high traffic areas through the summer with department input and preference given priority, before being removed.

17. Is the College still following CDC and Clay County Public Health guidance?

Yes. To the extent we can, we will continue to follow the guidance of those responsible for the health and safety of the people. Communal living environments are a unique community, and we

may find it necessary to adjust protocols as we know we are a community valuing responsible citizenship and immunization is prevalent across campus. [Click here](#) to view the May 14th announcement from Clay County.

18. Will there be a COVID-19 dashboard online?

No, the College does not intend to publicly release a dashboard beginning in the fall. If the situation on campus or in the community changes with an increase in transmission, we will provide updated statistics.

19. Do I need a yellow wristband to prove that I'm vaccinated?

The wristband shows our collective support for the vaccination and safety of our community and is optional to be worn by vaccinated individuals. It is not to be used as a passport for entry to campus activities. Similar to the signs across campus in 20-21 indicating "my mask protects you, your mask protects me", the wristband gives a visual display that we are individually doing our part to keep one-another safe. We thank you for participating but it is not required.

20. When will the College be sharing more information?

We are working on official guidance and intend to release it in June. Zoom forums will be scheduled for students and parents to share new developments.