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Incoming Students
College of Medicine & Life Sciences

Dear Student,

We are all very excited to meet you in person and help you begin your journey as a valued member of this year’s incoming class of students in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. As we prepare for your arrival, a few thoughts to share regarding COVID-19 and your journey with us.

Our community and nation are recovering from the greatest health pandemic in the past 100 years. We urge you to receive a COVID-19 vaccination prior to arrival. As healthcare professionals, we will be educating you in evidence-based medicine and science, and the science behind these vaccinations is solid (N Engl J Med 2020; 383:2603-2615).

If you are not vaccinated, please understand the following:

• You will be asked to follow the current CDC guidelines and wear a facemask and socially distance.
• We are beginning to hear from some clinical sites that they will not accept unvaccinated students in an effort to protect their patients, staff and others.

If you are unable to receive a vaccination, you will be able to receive this upon your arrival. However, we will urge you to follow CDC guidelines for the period until you are considered fully vaccinated.

If you are unable to be vaccinated due to a health or religious restriction, we will work with you to keep you and others around you safe.

For those who are concerned about or are unable to come to the classroom, please consider applying for an accommodation from the University which can be found at this website: https://www.utoledo.edu/offices/student-disability-services/student/resources.html

We look forward to meeting you soon and are here to support you as you begin.

Sincerely,

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