



Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.
President

June 14, 2021

Dear Firebirds,

Now that you are vaccinated (or soon will be), we are looking forward to seeing you back on the campuses this Fall 2021. We have prepared the facilities and will be following all local and federal health guidance. Visit the Student, Faculty and Staff sections of the RISE web site at www.udc.edu/rise for detailed information.

Here are the basics you should know:

- There will be extensive need and merit-based scholarships available for students. There will also be need-based living stipends available. Look for the UDC – SOAR announcement soon!
- Registration online for Continuing Students began April 19 and will continue through August 22, 2021. Advising/Registration for New, Readmitted, Special & Transfer Students is August 2-20, 2021.
- Students, you will not be able to attend class unless your vaccination information has been uploaded. Employees will also be required to upload proof of vaccination as a condition of employment. Exemptions will only be allowed for health or religious reasons. Upload your proof of vaccination at <https://udc.studenthealthportal.com/>.
- Masks will be required for everyone in all campus buildings, including the Student Center, and outdoors on campus when not alone.
- Most classes will be face-to-face, however, virtual/remote, hybrid, and limited HYFLEX modalities will also be available. Work with your Academic or Faculty Advisor to schedule the best available option for you.
- Employees will begin a phased return to work on all campuses between July 6-August 23, 2021. Employees may seek approval from their supervisor and Cabinet member to establish an alternate or telework schedule for up to 2 days a week. Telework must be within the DMV. The UDC Alternative Work Program policy and procedures will be posted on the RISE website along with FAQs.
- Further instructions on all of the above will be provided in a separate communication and posted on the RISE website.

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- Parking permits will be issued for the fall with optional reserve parking.
- There is a free walkup vaccination facility operated by DC Health at 4225 Connecticut NW (across the street from the Student Center). Other vaccination centers near you can be found here <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/get-vaccinated> or www.vaccines.gov.

As always, our primary consideration is the health of our UDC family. We are prepared for your safe return, and we are excited about seeing you in person soon!

Your cooperation, patience, and feedback are, as always, appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Mason, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Ronald Mason, Jr., President
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