

Dear Perkins Community,

It's hard to believe spring is officially here! But thankfully, we have already experienced several beautiful sunny days and we have seen evidence that flowers, leaves and green grass are just around the corner. We share the renewed optimism that comes each spring and we are looking forward to returning to five-day in-person services.

Please pay close attention to the updated information related to the Massachusetts Travel Advisory and the Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals. This information is new and is in alignment with recent guidance changes.

COVID-19 Response Leaders  
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## **COVID-19 UPDATE, March 26, 2021**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

Perkins is not able to arrange for another on-campus vaccination clinic at this time, so if you did not get vaccinated at Perkins, you must find a vaccination location on your own. One option is [VaxFinder on mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/vaxfinder) where you can pre register for an appointment and receive status updates; other options include [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#) and health care providers. Once you are fully vaccinated, please send your vaccination documentation to [Linda Christensen](mailto:linda.christensen@perkins.edu) via email.

Please note: All K-12 educators and K-12 school staff are currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in Massachusetts. You should not require an eligibility letter from Perkins. However, if you do, please contact [Rachel Bennett](mailto:rachel.bennett@perkins.edu) in Human Resources.

### **Massachusetts Travel Advisory for Fully Vaccinated Individuals**

Effective March 22, 2021, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amended its travel guidance. We expect members of our community to follow these travel recommendations. Visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days, unless you are fully vaccinated (i.e., received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines or received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and do not have symptoms. For additional exemptions, go to the mass.gov website to read the full [Travel Advisory](#).

### **Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals**

State and federal guidance has been released for people who have been fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated individuals are advised to continue to take precautions such as wearing masks, practicing physical distancing, and adhering to other prevention measures.

The state's [guidance for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19](#) and the [CDC guidelines](#) recommend that fully vaccinated individuals who live or work in congregate settings (like Perkins) monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 following an exposure to someone with COVID-19. In consultation with local health officials, and out of an abundance of caution, if a staff or student is fully vaccinated and is identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-

19, the individual will be required to quarantine for 5 days following exposure. We will reevaluate this guidance in the coming weeks.

### **Perkins Campus Remains Closed to the General Public**

With the nice weather upon us, we've seen an increased number of local residents coming to Perkins to enjoy our campus. While we certainly understand the attraction to our beautiful school, our campus remains closed to the general public for the foreseeable future. We will refresh our signage to indicate that we are closed, but spreading the word among friends and family is not a bad idea!

### **Staff COVID-19 Surveillance Testing**

We are currently continuing our bi-weekly schedule of onsite surveillance testing. Upcoming sessions are scheduled on Thursday, April 1 and Thursday, April 15. If you haven't already done so, please [create an account with Color](#) before you arrive for testing.

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Helpful Links: COVID-19 General

- [State of Massachusetts Restrictions](#)
- [Stop the Spread \(free testing\)](#)
- [CIC Health testing site \(fee-based testing\)](#)
- [Find a COVID-19 Test](#)

Helpful Links: COVID-19 Vaccine

- [Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People \(CDC\)](#)
- [Facts about the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine \(CDC\)](#)
- [Getting ready for your COVID-19 Vaccine \(CDC\)](#)
- [Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines \(CDC\)](#)
- [Key Things to Know about the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program \(CDC\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccination \(CDC\)](#)
- [Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccination Program \(Mass.gov\)](#)
- [Other Vaccination Sites \(Mass.gov\)](#)

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