DATE OF ORDER: October 27th, 2021

CHANCELLOR'S ORDER TO MINIMIZE SPREAD OF COVID-19

As Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, by the authority vested in me by the Laws of the State of Wisconsin, including, Wis. Stats. ch. 36, and Wis. Admin. Code chs. UWS 17-18, order the following as necessary to prevent, suppress, and control the spread of COVID-19 on our campus.

In consultation with the Walworth, Jefferson, and Rock County health departments, and with the support of the Emergency Operations Committee and the Chancellor's Cabinet, UW-Whitewater will be requiring COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff upon return to campus in order to best protect the campus community.

All students, staff, faculty, and visitors to Whitewater or Rock County campuses are required to wear masks while indoors through December 31st, 2021, EXCEPT masks are optional for students in Residence Halls when on their assigned floor. Students in Residence Halls are to wear masks when off their assigned floor and indoors.

Students, faculty, and staff who return to the Whitewater or Rock County campuses between Aug. 27 and Dec. 11 who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 — meaning two weeks after receiving the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine or the second dose of the two-dose Moderna or Pfizer vaccines — will be required to be tested for COVID-19 upon return to campus, once per calendar week through December 11, 2021.

This testing is required for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff who visit campus for any reason; students, faculty, and staff who engage with campus 100% online are exempt.

Those who do not comply with these requirements will be contacted by the Dean of Students Office, University Housing or Human Resources, as appropriate, all of which are authorized to enforce this order. Violations may result in employee discipline, student discipline, citation, and/or fine under applicable law, rule, or policy.

If any provision of this order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

This Order shall become effective, November 1st, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. This Order shall remain in effect until December 31st, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. or until modified or superseded.

James P. Henderson
Chancellor (Interim)

1 In addition to the generalized authority cited above, this order is being issued pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 36.11(1)a.; Wis. Admin. Code ss. UWS 17.09(1), UWS 17.09(8), UWS 17.09 (14), UWS 17.09 (15), UWS 18.08(9)(b), and UWS 18.11(7)(e); and Regent Policy 23-2.