

# University Pandemic Academic Advisory Committee

## Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2021  
5:00 PM

1. Questions about the pandemic | Jon Links & Stephen Gange
2. Brief update on Vice President for Human Resources search | Laurent Heller
3. Discussion of the forthcoming charging document for the formation of J-FAB (the Hopkins Faculty Advisory Board) | Sunil Kumar

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## Pandemic update

1. COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate
  - a. Faculty compliance = 100%!
  - b. There is a very small handful of noncompliant employees (staff).
  - c. Student compliance = 96% (which will get to 100% as the final dose is given to those who needed to be revaccinated).
  - d. Booster Shots:
    - i. Will only become mandated when both recommended for everyone and widely available.
    - ii. Will be offered by JHU at that time (JHM already offering to JHU affiliates who meet CDC eligibility).
    - iii. Our Vaccine Management System (VMS) will track COVID-19 boosters, so documentation can be upload now using the VMS system.
2. Incidence of infection in the JHU community:
  - a. Students: 37k tests, 51 positive tests (test positivity = 0.14%).
  - b. Employees: 4.9k tests, 102 positive tests (test positivity = 2%; this is expected, as employee tests are not mandated, so biased towards those with a reason for concern).
  - c. 12% of employee tests in the past week were in symptomatic employees, whereas only 1.6% of student tests in the past week were in symptomatic students.
3. Numbers of people testing positive for COVID-19:
  - a. Undergrads ~0.2% of those on campus; grad students ~0.4%; employees ~0.4%.
  - b. 51 students and 102 employees have tested positive since the start of the semester.
4. Contact tracing:
  - a. JHCCC has been actively contact tracing since the start of the pandemic. We don't call it "contact tracing" because we only do JH affiliates, and pass all positive cases to BCHD for contact tracing of non-affiliates. (We call it "Investigation, Contact Analysis, and Notification" = ICAN.)
  - b. The process starts with an in-depth interview of the positive case by a trained contact tracer.
  - c. We follow the CDC definition of a close contact: 15+ min within 6'; all JH affiliates who meet this definition are contacted. This means "no news is good news." Just because someone in a class or lab is positive does not mean everyone in the class or lab gets contacted.
  - d. Faculty should not be canceling class or lab, notifying the class or lab, or taking any other actions themselves.
5. Flu shots:
  - a. Available now on campus – Student Health/Occupational Health and at Walgreens clinics.
  - b. Can go to any Walgreens with a voucher (does not cover Flu65).
  - c. Can go to any pharmacy, doctor's office, etc. and have JHU health insurance cover the full cost, including Flu65.
  - d. Flu vaccine documentation should be (and can now be) uploaded into VMS (see link above).
  - e. Uploaded documentation of the Flu vaccination is required of all students, staff and faculty by November 19<sup>th</sup> unless an approved medical or religious exception is obtained.