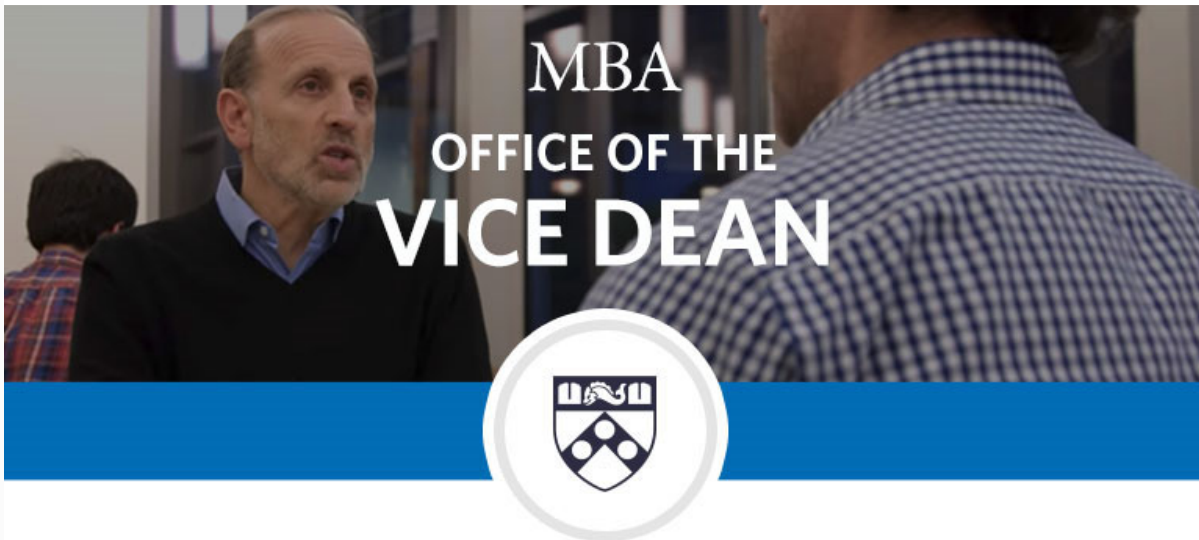

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Welcome MBA Class of 2023!

Wharton is proud to welcome you as the newest members of our community. My MBA Program colleagues and I are working to get ready for your arrival to our required Pre-Term, on Wednesday, August 11. As you too get ready to attend Wharton and the University of Pennsylvania, I want to provide some important information that will help you make this transition.

Our Return to Campus

- In accordance with the [April announcement](#) from Dr. Amy Gutmann, University President, Penn is planning for “a return

to a more normal campus experience.” This includes a resumption of our in-person teaching, research, and residential environments.

- **Based on this information, we expect all MBA students to be on campus for Pre-Term and the Fall semester.** As such, my MBA Program colleagues and I plan to deliver our program to create the best experience possible while safely supporting our ability to be together in-person as a community. Though we do not know today what requirements will be in place when you arrive in August, many signs point to a relaxing of guidelines around building capacity, the size of indoor and outdoor gatherings, and other longstanding COVID-19 protocols. It is possible that mask wearing and social distancing needs will still be in place, so we are designing several scenarios with the necessary flexibility to deliver an in-person experience.

Students Are Required to be COVID-19 Vaccinated

- **Penn is requiring all students to be fully vaccinated.** Student Health Services (SHS) is the official information source regarding compliance with immunization requirements at Penn. The University will accept vaccines that have been granted an emergency use authorization through the FDA (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) as well as those that have been “pre-qualified” or received “Emergency Use Listing” by the World Health Organization (currently AstraZeneca and Covishield). For additional information, please read the [Penn COVID-19 Student FAQs.](#)
- **Your best course of action is to arrive on campus fully vaccinated.**
 - SHS is advising students that they should make every attempt to arrive on campus fully vaccinated, since the University is dependent upon the city of Philadelphia for their vaccine supply. SHS cannot guarantee they will have vaccines when students arrive.

- Being fully vaccinated is achieved 2 weeks after your last required dose of the vaccine you received. For example, it can typically take 2 weeks to be considered fully vaccinated for the Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccine, 5 weeks for Pfizer (2nd dose is on week 3), and 6 weeks for Moderna (2nd dose is on week 4).
- **For any students who have not been fully vaccinated when they come to campus, the University will provide vaccination clinics.**
 - Students who begin their vaccine protocol with Penn will need to quarantine until 2 weeks after their first dose. During this quarantine period, students will be expected to avoid all contacts with others by staying in their room/apartment for the 14-day period.
 - Once the 14-day quarantine is completed, students will be permitted to attend in-person events including Pre-Term but will be required to wear a mask. Masked attendance after 2 weeks is a safe and evidence-based approach that will allow students to optimize their campus experience without introducing a transmission risk on our campus. The University is relying on the honor system for compliance and everyone doing the right thing.
 - Students can shed their mask 2 weeks after their second dose.
- **International students holding an I-20 are permitted to enter the U.S. beginning July 12.** If you need to get vaccinated, you need to get here as close to that date as possible in order to complete the vaccination protocols in time to attend the required in-person Pre-Term.

All questions about meeting immunization requirements and providing compliance documentation should be sent directly to SHS.

What can you do now to start on your journey to join us for Pre-Term and the Wharton experience? You can expect to receive an email the week of May 24 which will provide important onboarding tasks including getting your PennKey and Wharton email, academic assessments and waiver guidelines, and completing the required Pre-Term registration process. I encourage you to dedicate time over the coming weeks to review these resources to meet important deadlines before we see you at Pre-Term.

We hope you have a safe and exciting summer and look forward to seeing you IRL for Pre-Term!

Stay well and safe,
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