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Due to the recent dramatic upsurge in Covid 19 infections we will need to return to Phase 4 protocols in our Covid response plan as of today. This means that masks must be worn by all persons on campus in all public areas including classrooms and chapel until we are able to return to phase 4.5 protocols. Everyone should monitor for symptoms and get tested if feeling ill as well as quarantine until results warrant otherwise. Accommodations for remote working can be arranged through supervisors in the case of staff and through the faculty in the case of students. Meetings should be held virtually to the extent possible. Staff should plan to wait later to go to lunch and may eat at their desks.

The Faculty/Staff meeting scheduled next week on Thursday afternoon, 13 January from 1:00-4:00 PM will be organized as a Zoom meeting. More information will be forthcoming.

It seems that the omicron variant is quite contagious including for those vaccinated although it has less impact on those who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster. Also, it looks like the peak will come quickly and then wane dramatically but it's not clear yet when that will take place for our area. My hope is that by early February we can return to phase 4.5. Nonetheless we will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of any changes. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your cooperation,

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