

**CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**September 23, 2021**

**Sycamore Community Health Initiative launched**

From the Fall Address of Indiana State University President Deborah J. Curtis:

Our university community at Indiana State University has worked very hard to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic environment since March of 2020. This has been the result of each individual taking responsibility for one's own role in masking up, keeping work stations clean, maintaining social distancing at various times, and ultimately many of us choosing to receive the vaccination when it was made available. We are sincerely grateful for this conscientious focus on keeping our Sycamore community as safe as possible.

As the pandemic has evolved locally, statewide, and across the country, we have remained committed to making decisions based upon guidance from the CDC, the Indiana State Department of Health, and the Vigo County Health Department. We have been the beneficiaries of advice from medical experts in receiving and applying the best counsel available to keep this community of students, faculty and staff on track to accomplish our distinctive educational mission. It is our goal to continue to chart our course to a greater return to normal operations in the coming months ahead.

In order to accomplish this goal, Indiana State University will launch our Sycamore Community Health Initiative which is an expansion of this fall's experiential learning guidelines. On January 1, 2022, students, faculty and staff are expected to upload evidence of their vaccination card, or participate in a weekly COVID-19 test throughout the spring 2022 semester.

Details are currently being worked out and more information will be made available before the end of the Fall 2021 semester.