

FALL DECISION
May 31, 2021

Dear Students,

I am writing to provide an update on the Fall 2021 Term for DLSPH. With few exceptions, courses will be delivered remotely. We will provide as much in-person co-curricular activity as we can offer safely, following public health guidance.

I am encouraged by the progress we are making against the pandemic with vaccinations and declining COVID-19 caseloads. However, as we relax restrictions on indoor activity this summer, it is unclear whether we will face a fourth wave in the Fall.

I am optimistic that students, staff, and faculty will have received at least one dose of vaccine by the beginning of the Fall term, and that case numbers will continue to decline and stay low. However, I anticipate that some public health restrictions, such as gathering size limits and physical distancing, will remain in place during the Fall term.

This is why I have made the difficult decision, in consultation with faculty leaders, to deliver courses remotely, with few exceptions in the Fall term. That said, you will have opportunities to meet and engage with other students, faculty, and staff this Fall. We are focussing on in-person research activities and creating a range of in-person co-curricular activities, informed by public health guidance.

Our School communications office will update you throughout the summer on progress towards these plans. We intend to consult with student leadership on a meaningful program of in-person and online activities to enrich your time at DLSPH.

All my best,
Steini