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## A message from the president, provost, and deans



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Dear Students,

We hope this message finds you in good health and spirits, and that you join us this term in recommitting to the safety of the Yale

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community and of our fellow residents in Greater New Haven. During the COVID-19 pandemic, you have experienced firsthand how your actions can affect the health and well-being of others, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Although vaccines give us hope that the end to the pandemic is in sight, the transmission of the virus will not be under control until a substantial portion of the population is inoculated, and prevalence of COVID-19 is still high in Connecticut. So, in the meantime, we must do all that we can to safeguard the public's health. Here are some of the most important actions you can take:

- **Cooperate with contact tracers:** If a contact tracer calls you, be honest and thorough. Your forthrightness is essential to containing the spread of the virus. The university will not take disciplinary action based on truthful information you provide to contact tracers.
- **Socialize responsibly:** Whenever possible, meet online. If you must meet in person, keep your gatherings small (10 people or fewer), maintain at least six feet of space from others, wear face coverings, and adhere to all other health and safety protocols for [events and gatherings](#).
- **Follow testing, isolation, and quarantine protocols:** Your adherence to [testing](#) and, when indicated, [isolation and quarantine](#) protocols is vital to containing the virus.
- **Get takeout; don't dine inside restaurants:** The risk of transmitting COVID-19 is significantly higher indoors, especially when not wearing a face covering.

- **Avoid travel:** Traveling increases your risk of being exposed to the virus. If you must travel for emergencies, follow these [health guidelines](#).
- **Always follow health precautions:** Even if you have had COVID-19 or have been vaccinated, you can still transmit the virus, so take [preventive actions](#).

Thank you for all you have done to rally together to advance your studies as safely as possible in the past several months. Let's commit to being even more meticulous and caring this semester.

Sincerely,

Peter Salovey, President

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