

## **How the virus is still having an impact today**

The first week in March of 2019 for many college students is supposed to be a relaxing get away before the end of the second semester. Along with the beginning of the spring season after a long freezing winter season. Spring break is a time where Universities allow for a week break for its students, faculty, and staff. Many people specifically students take the time to plan a trip to a destination spot with their friends. Many students travel to the warm sunny state of Florida which is a [popular](#) destination spot for college students looking to have a mini vacation with friends. Depending on the University some students may have just gotten on their spring break and others were just returning from a spring break. No matter where you were, what you were doing and who you were with you were probably experiencing confusion, uncertainty, and had many unanswered questions. During the being stages of the coronavirus pandemic the President, Centers for disease control and prevention , and healthcare officials were unable to provide how long isolation was going to be, when students were going to be able to go back to in person classes, when people would be allowed to eat in diners again, will families still be able to have a vacation for the upcoming summer and how citizen where going to make money now that their work place got shut down and they still have bills to keep up with. Within a few weeks' minor questions were addressed and answered for the public. There has been over 46 [million](#) cases of people getting the coronavirus in the United States of America and over 700 thousand deaths amongst people of all ages. When the United States of America on February third declared a public health emergency due to the coronavirus outbreak foreign nations could no longer enter into the United States of America. Citizens who had been traveling from China specifically the Hubei Province had to go under a 14 day quarantine. The year of isolation, stay at home orders, quarantine and only leaving your house for essential items or task like going to the doctor, going

to work if your job did not offer a at home option and traveling from the grocery store lasted for an entire school year. December [14](#), 2020 2.9 million doses of Pfizer vaccines would be distributed by UPS and Fedex with in a week to the United States and around the world. There were fazes on who would be able to get the vaccine first depending on how essential they were to the public. To elaborate the list went from Healthcare personnel and long term care facilities who are at a greater risk of exposure to covid 19 to get the vaccine first then down the list it went to elderly people, people with health issues who could possible have sever cases of the virus, then it went to other essential workers like construction works then broader to grocery store works to eventually the general public of people. As more people where now becoming vaccinated against the virus the world started to slowly start to open during the summer of 2020. People where able to go back to restaurants, meet in small groups of five and six in an outside setting with friends or family. In the summer of 2021 Universities around the country were ready for their students to return back to campus for the fall semester of 2021. The university of California stated that “With robust research advancements and COVID-19 vaccines soon becoming available to students, staff and faculty, UC is preparing to welcome students back to all its campuses this fall, while remaining vigilant in all critical prevention efforts and continuing to prioritize the health and well-being of the University community. As the University continues to monitor the evolution of the pandemic, we are also carefully planning a safe return to in-person classes, said President Michael V. Drake, M.D.Current forecasts give us hope that in the fall our students can enjoy a more normal on-campus experience.” Stated on UC health.edu Just like UC many universities depending on the state were making an effort to get students back on campus for the upcoming fall now that the vaccines were out and available. The delta variant is the new strain of the virus that is more contagious because it can become easily transmitted. For this new

development the United States had added back some the restrictions previous revised. The Centers for disease control and prevention stated that “The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants. In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus that causes COVID-19. Even so, the vast majority of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 are in unvaccinated people. The greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus.” Stated on [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). The new strand of the virus has caused concerns for a another [lockdown](#) and restriction back on for Americans, however this did not occur because if more people continue to get vaccinated many Americans would be immune to the virus. Booster shots are now on many health officials mines to help combat the delta variant along with helping to further immune people who may have gotten their first virus shots early in the stages. Booster shots are now being [recommend](#) by the centers of disease control and prevention to people who are at high risk in occupational and institutional settings. The CDC stated that “Many of the people who are now eligible to receive a booster shot received their initial vaccine early in the vaccination program and will benefit from additional protection. With the Delta variant’s dominance as the circulating strain and cases of COVID-19 increasing significantly across the United States, a booster shot will help strengthen protection against severe disease in those populations who are at high-risk for exposure to COVID-19 or the complications from severe disease.” Some Universities like the university of Illinois @ Urbana Champaign has already started implementing and recommending that their students and citizens in the Urbana Champaign community get their third shot. The Champaign Urbana public health district stated “According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), many of the

people who are now eligible to receive a booster shot received their initial vaccine early in the vaccination program and will benefit from additional protection. With the Delta variant's dominance as the circulating strain and cases of COVID-19 increasing significantly across the United States, a booster shot will help strengthen protection against severe disease in those populations who are at high-risk for exposure to COVID-19 or the complications from severe disease" stated on a recent conference. They are encouraging and going along with the CDC's urgency in combating the end to the pandemic and the variant viruses that are popping up around the globe. Booster appointments can be schedule through my carle, osf healthcare, christe clinic, promise healthcare and the university of Illinois urbana champaign between the house of 10 am and 5:30 pm.