

[ALL_STUDENTS] Update on 5C Cross Dining

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Dear students,

The leadership of the five undergraduate colleges are committed to resuming some form of cross-campus dining early in the spring semester. We recognize that cross-campus dining is an important part of the student experience and we will make every effort to ensure that we can open safely and provide the level of service that you deserve and expect.

However, we will approach the return to cross-campus dining thoughtfully and, to this end, we need to meet a few key benchmarks that will guide our approach:

First, we need to be mindful of public health considerations. We cannot begin cross campus dining until we have data about the infection rates post-break, students have completed 3 weeks of COVID-19 testing, we see that positivity rates across the 5Cs remain low, and that the overall public health situation in the area does not worsen due to an expected winter surge.

Second, restarting cross-campus dining will depend on our ability to effectively open, staff, and supply our dining halls for all 5C students. We need to consider that, during the fall semester, many of our dining services have experienced staffing and supply chain shortages. Our dining managers are working hard to fill positions and to analyze the impact of cross-campus dining on each of the College's dining operations in light of these challenges.

We are mindful of your interest in this aspect of returning to "pre-pandemic normalcy" and will provide you with more details on the status of our plans for 5C dining no later than the week of February 7.

Sincerely

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