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We are so excited to welcome your youth back to our UW System campuses this summer for camps and other programming. As part of our plan to safely bring minors to campus, we have implemented COVID-19 mitigation plans.

While testing has been a key element in our mitigation strategy, feedback from families and program directors suggests that our youth programs should seek alternatives to strenuous testing. After consultation with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Wisconsin's Department of Health Services (DHS), we are now able to exempt youth participants age 12 years and older from our testing requirements if they are fully vaccinated.

Starting today, summer program participants are eligible to visit any of our campuses to get vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine, which is the approved shot for this age group. Remember, a youth is only considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the second Pfizer shot.

We look forward to having your youth here and supporting you in keeping our communities safe. Please visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/> to search for a Pfizer vaccination site in your area.

UW System is taking steps to safely bring youth back to our campuses for these learning opportunities so they can continue their personal growth as well as experience what our universities have to offer. An investment in youth today is an investment in our communities tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Thompson".

Tommy Thompson
President, UW System

