To Whom It May Concern,

The University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), will be on a hybrid academic model for the spring 2022 academic term. The University is not operating entirely online and will offer different combinations of in-person, blended (both an in-person and online component), and online course offerings. UIC’s academic model ensures that, if necessary, students can take course loads for the spring 2022 academic term that are not entirely online, and that the students will take the minimum number of online classes required to make normal progress in their degree program. Additional information is available on our website: uic.edu.

As UIC welcomes students to campus for the spring term, a robust COVID-19 plan has been developed. The plan includes protective measures to safeguard the health of the UIC community including vaccination requirements, an online COVID-19 Safety Training for students and employees, mandatory face coverings while on campus and physical/social distancing measures on campus. A comprehensive plan for testing, tracing, and treating for COVID-19 was established during the fall 2020 semester and will continue through spring 2022. In addition, COVID-19 vaccines are now available on-campus to all members of our academic community.

We request your assistance in allowing entry of our international students into the U.S. so that they can participate in their academic programs.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter or the student’s status.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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