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Given the evolving data on the Omicron variant and its current emerging impact on communities and the country, the college will hold winter residencies for the MFA in Visual Art and MFA in Music Composition programs remotely. There is sufficient concern about the virulence of Omicron, as well as an increasing rate of infection in Vermont, combined with testing facilities being stretched to capacity and the concern of medical facilities soon being hit with an increase of new cases to warrant this decision. We understand there are students and faculty looking forward to being together again on our campus as a community of artists, colleagues, and friends, but our foremost priority is the safety and well-being of our whole VCFA community and the broader communities in which we all live.

We will continue to monitor the information about the Omicron variant of COVID-19 and the guidance from the State of Vermont and CDC to make the most informed decisions as we move forward and consider the other winter residencies.

At this point, residencies for the Graphic Design and Film programs are expected to be held in person with a remote option.

Space rentals and on-campus events are being considered on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to Tanya Patterson for information about availability: tanya.patterson@vcfa.edu.