

Subject: Update on UWA's COVID-19 Response and Testing

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Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

Dear UWA Family,

I am excited to welcome you back to campus for the 2021 Spring Semester. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays and the break from classes and work. As we begin this new semester, I want to encourage everyone to help us keep our campus community healthy and safe by following the health and safety guidelines as outlined in the [Operational Plan for Spring Semester 2021](#). This plan largely mirrors the strategies that were so successful for us in the fall. If you have not done so already, I would encourage each of you to review the guidelines as they pertain to you and your activities on campus.

I will continue to provide a weekly update, similar to this, on the numbers of positive and quarantined students and employees. I feel this is the best way to communicate the numbers and provide other needed information to you throughout the semester.

Prior to the start of classes, employees were offered COVID-19 testing on campus at no cost. Through our GuideSafe™ partnership, 91 employees received a COVID-19 test, with no positive cases reported. GuideSafe™ will continue to provide Sentinel Testing to the campus population each week throughout the semester. Information on registering for Sentinel Testing can be found [here](#), or you can go directly to the registration page at healthy.verily.com.

All students were required to be tested (either on-campus or by a health care provider) for COVID-19 prior to attending classes. Over 900 students were tested on-campus over the course of seven days. Of those tested, only two students tested positive for COVID-19.

- Currently, there are 7 students and 4 employees (roughly 0.67% of the student population and 0.72% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19.

- 4 students and 11 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 0.98% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

I hope you have a wonderful start to a safe, healthy, and productive semester.

Take care and be safe,



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