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## Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

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Dear UWA Family,

I hope your semester is off to a good start. As we progress into this new year and new semester, I want to encourage everyone to follow all of the health and safety guidelines found in the [Operational Plan for Spring Semester 2021](#). These guidelines were integral in the University's ability to have face-to-face classes in the fall and will continue to assist us greatly this semester.

I also want to strongly encourage you to sign-up for Sentinel Testing provided through our partnership with GuideSafe™. This testing, available to students and employees at no cost, will continue each week throughout the semester and is critical in helping minimize the impact that COVID-19 has on our campus and in identifying positive cases in asymptomatic individuals. Information on registering for Sentinel Testing can be found [here](#).

- Currently, there are 5 students and 3 employees (roughly 0.48% of the student population and 0.53% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending January 15). Last week, 19 sentinel tests were performed (17 students and 2 faculty/staff) with 0 positive cases of COVID-19.
- 3 students and 3 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 0.39% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

While we strive for and eagerly await the days when there are no numbers to report and COVID-19 is not a threat to us, we must remain vigilant and recognize that our efforts

toward a healthier and safer campus will keep our numbers low.

Take care and be safe,



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