

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

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**From:** UWA President

**To:** All Faculty and Staff, All Students

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## Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

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Dear UWA Family,

There has been much discussion about, and news coverage of, the COVID-19 vaccine, including its rollout in each of the states. Several have asked whether the vaccine will be administered on college campuses. The University has expressed its desire to state health officials to provide COVID-19 vaccines to those employees and students who qualify and who wish to be vaccinated. The University is actively working to acquire these vaccines, and I will share updates as they develop.

Please remember that you can sign-up for Sentinel Testing provided through our partnership with GuideSafe™. This randomized selection testing, available at no cost to students and employees, will continue each week throughout the semester and is critical in helping minimize the impact that COVID-19 has on our campus by identifying positive cases among 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 22). Last week, 61 sentinel tests were performed (29 students and 32 faculty/staff) with 0 positive cases of COVID-19.
- 19 students and 8 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 1.77% 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 continue to have a good semester, and if I can help in any way, please feel

free to let me know.

Take care and be safe,



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