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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