Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

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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