

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

Dear UWA Family,

The number of positives and quarantines are more encouraging than what we saw last week. However, it is imperative that we continue to follow all health and safety protocols – especially avoiding large gatherings, social distancing, and wearing facial coverings.

As our campus looks to restore some normalcy with events, we must do this with restrictions that follow protocol, one event at a time, understanding that our numbers could prompt changes or cancellations any time. I applaud the many efforts thus far to coordinate and plan programming, and I ask for everyone's continued patience as we slowly determine what is safe for us to do and what we must continue to postpone or delay, beginning at the campus department level, then slowly adding organizational events only when protocol is clearly outlined and accountability is maintained. We each must assume personal responsibility to do what is best for all members of the University community.

As we proceed with GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing this semester, please remember that it is designed for individuals who are asymptomatic and have no known exposure to COVID-19. **Sentinel Testing is not for individuals who are experiencing COVID-related symptoms or who have been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19.** Additional information on Sentinel Testing can be found [here](#).

- Currently, there are 14 students and 0 employees (roughly 1.34% of the student population and 0.92% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending February 5). Last week, 57 sentinel tests were performed with 1 positive case of COVID-19. *So far this semester 310 sentinel tests have been performed with 2 positive results.*
- 20 students and 3 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 1.51% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms

or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If I can help in any way this semester, please feel free to let me know.

Take care and be safe,



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