

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

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To: All Faculty and Staff, All Students

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Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

Dear UWA Family,

I am confident that everyone safely enjoyed the past two days away from work and classes while we waited on the inclement weather to move past us. Again this week the numbers of positives and quarantines are encouraging. However, with the colder temperatures we are experiencing, we are all likely to spend more time indoors in confined spaces. Because of this, it is imperative that we are cautious and continue to follow all health and safety protocols – chiefly staying socially distanced and wearing facial coverings. Please remember that 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 8 students and 3 employees (roughly 0.77% of the student population and 0.72% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending February 12). Last week, 50 sentinel tests were performed with 0 positive cases of COVID-19. *So far this semester 360 sentinel tests have been performed with 2 positive results.*
- Currently, 7 students and 0 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 0.46% 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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