

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

Dear UWA Family,

I am happy to report that the number of positive cases and quarantines affecting members of the University community are down significantly. While this is good news that should be noted and appreciated, it is not the time to relax or cease the health and safety protocols that are currently in place. In fact, these protocols, mainly staying socially distanced and wearing facial coverings, are largely responsible for the impressive numbers. I want to commend you on taking the personal responsibility necessary to have a successful semester thus far and encourage you to stay the course as we navigate the ongoing pandemic.

As was indicated in the Operational Plan for Spring Semester 2021, the University does not anticipate making any changes or adjustments to this semester's academic calendar. If such changes are necessary, I will communicate it to you as early as possible.

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 0 students and 1 employee (0.00% of the student population and 0.065% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending February 19). Last week, 44 sentinel tests were performed with 0 positive cases of COVID-19. *So far this semester 404 sentinel tests have been performed with 2 positive results.*
- Currently, 0 students and 2 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 0.13% 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 let me know.

Take care and be safe,



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