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Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

Dear UWA Family,

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the University's transition to virtual classes to complete the Spring 2020 semester, I am reminded of how much we have faced and overcome together in the past year. As difficult as these last 12 months have been, I will always be grateful for how everyone—students, faculty, and staff—responded and sacrificed to ensure that the University is able to fulfill its essential mission, which is providing a quality education to students.

As I shared with you some months ago, I am convinced that we, both as individuals and as a University, will continue to show our true character during the course of these difficult times, and that it will be described in terms of kindness, patience, the willingness to help others, but also by perseverance and a tenacity to do what is required of us, even when that is not fun or convenient. I believe we have done so throughout, and I could not be prouder to serve all of you as president of this great university.

Information on GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing can be found [here](#). Sentinel Testing is voluntary and designed for asymptomatic individuals.

- Currently, there are 0 students and 1 employee (0.0% 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 March 5). Last week, 60 sentinel tests were performed with 0 positive cases of COVID-19. *So far this semester 525 sentinel tests have been performed with 4 positive results.*
- Currently, 0 students and 1 employee of the University are in quarantine (approximately 0.065% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please remember that while these numbers continue to be encouraging, we are still not in the clear. We must remain vigilant and follow all health and safety protocols - chiefly staying socially distanced and wearing facial coverings. Please keep in mind that the governor's mask mandate has been extended to April 9.

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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