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## Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

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Dear UWA Family,

The relatively low number of reported positive cases and quarantines affecting members of the University community continues to be encouraging. However, with spring and its warmer temperatures approaching, many of us look forward to the outdoor activities and gatherings that typically come with springtime. But because we are not in the clear, we must remain vigilant and follow all health and safety protocols - chiefly staying socially distanced and wearing facial coverings.

The current COVID environment we live in has been very trying, to say the least, for many people. Facing new challenges, heightened restrictions, and limited resources, along with the emotional burdens we are carrying from less socialization and limited leisure activities, has taken its toll on our entire society. If you are struggling, please know that you are not alone. Let's support one another, check in on friends and co-workers, help anyone you can, and do not hesitate to ask for help.

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.

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

- Currently, there are 2 students and 0 employees (0.19% of the student population and 0.13% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending February 26). Last week, 61 sentinel tests were performed with 2 positive cases of COVID-19. *So far this semester 465 sentinel tests have been performed with 4 positive results.*
- Currently, 8 students and 1 employee of the University are in quarantine

(approximately 0.59% 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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