

Subject: Update on UWA's COVID-19 Response and Testing
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 2:03:44 PM Central Standard Time
From: UWA President
To: All Faculty and Staff, All Students
Attachments: image001.gif, image002.png, image003.png, image004.png, image005.png, image006.png



Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

Dear UWA Family,

This week we will conclude face-to-face instruction for the 2020 Fall semester, and enjoy a much-needed Thanksgiving break next week. As we prepare to depart campus, I want to remind everyone of the schedule for the remainder of this semester.

November 20..... Last day of in-person class meetings
November 23-27..... Thanksgiving Break
November 30-December 3..... Campus classes conducted virtually
December 4-10 Final exams conducted virtually

Housing and student-related services will remain open. Computer labs will remain open for students who need access. Administrative offices will remain open, and faculty will maintain regular office hours, operating from campus offices during scheduled class meeting times and conducting instruction from their offices via Zoom or other technology platforms.

- Currently, there are 16 students and 2 employees (roughly 1.27% of the student population and 1.0% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending November 13). Last week, 41 sentinel tests were performed (30 students and 11 faculty/staff) with two positive cases of COVID-19. *Thus far, a total of 471 Sentinel Tests have been performed with four positive test results.*
- 52 students and 4 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 3.2% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Tomorrow, the University's Operational Plan for Spring Semester 2021 will be distributed. Please take the time to review the plan and prepare accordingly for the Spring Semester. At this time, there are no plans to change the academic calendar. Classes will start on

Monday, January 11, 2021, and spring break is scheduled for the week of March 22-26.

I want to take a moment as we near Thanksgiving to reiterate how thankful I am to work with such great students, faculty, and staff. You have continued to respond to challenges the University—and our society as a whole—has faced in recent months. Your commitment, service, and dedication have been remarkable, and I will be forever grateful to you all.

Take care and be safe,



Ken Tucker, Ph.D.

President

The University of West Alabama

phone: 205-652-3527

address: UWA Station 1

web: <http://www.uwa.edu/>

[Download the Operational Plan for Fall Semester 2020](#)

The University of West Alabama | uwa.edu

