

Subject: Update on UWA's COVID-19 Response and Testing
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 1:10:41 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, the University experienced a slight increase in the number of individuals who tested positive for COVID-19. While the increase experienced at the University is not near the increases seen across the state and nation recently, it is a vivid reminder that COVID-19 is still an issue that must be taken seriously.

The majority of the new positive cases can be traced to activities off campus. We see restrictions lifted or loosened at some campuses or other places we may visit, but we must acknowledge that the restrictions in place here—frustrating as they may be—have helped our University community maintain the health and relatively low rates thus far. While we adhere to guidance on campus to prevent community spread, we should continue following health and safety guidelines off campus to avoid bringing unnecessary risks to our friends and co-workers on campus.

- Currently, there are 14 students and 3 employees (roughly 1.1% of the student population and 0.98% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending October 30). Last week, 55 sentinel tests were performed (44 students and 11 faculty/staff) with no positive cases of COVID-19. *Thus far, a total of 382 Sentinel Tests have been performed with only two positive test results.*
- 24 students and 6 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 1.7% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Thank you again for your dedication to making this a healthy and safe fall semester.

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

