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## Weekly COVID-19 Response Update

Dear UWA Family,

In our continued efforts to respond and strive for good health, many of us have experienced some form of “COVID fatigue,” but we cannot abandon the practices and procedures that have allowed us to have a successful semester thus far. We all have friends and loved ones who are experiencing battles with COVID-19, as the state has recently seen an uptick in total cases, and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are again increasing. Add to this that flu season is upon us. We must “stay the course” and finish this semester the same way we started it – staying socially distanced and wearing facial coverings. We must follow health and safety guidelines put in place by the University and federal, state, and local health officials.

- Currently, there are 11 students and 0 employees (roughly 0.87% of the student population and 0.63% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending October 23). Last week, 34 sentinel tests were performed (25 students and 9 faculty/staff) with one positive case of COVID-19. *Thus far, a total of 327 Sentinel Tests have been performed with only two positive test results.*
- 25 students and 9 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 1.96% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

We are almost to November, which means we are nearing the end of the semester. We are all ready for an extended break to be able to relax and spend some quality time with our family and loved ones, but first we must finish this semester strong while maintaining a positive influence on students and co-workers. Jon Gordon, known for his writings and inspirational talks around the world, has said, “Being positive doesn’t mean you ignore reality. It means you maintain hope, optimism and faith in order to create a better reality.” We have all been dealt a difficult situation. Let’s focus on making our situation—and the

situations of those around us—better as we complete this semester.

Take care and be safe,



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