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## A Message from UWA President Ken Tucker

Dear UWA Family,

For many, reaching the half-way point of the Fall 2020 Semester seemed like an impossible feat, but we have, and the University's COVID-19-related numbers remain stable. This is promising, and each week I am even more thankful for the efforts put forth by the entire University community to make this semester possible.

As a University, we can be encouraged by the data we continue to receive. Still, COVID-19 remains a legitimate threat to our campus, community, and nation. We must continue to do what is asked of us and what we know to be the "right thing" in looking out for our fellow Tigers, which includes remaining socially distanced (6 feet or more) from others and wearing facial coverings as we strive for a safer and healthier second half of the semester.

- Currently, there are 7 students and 1 employee (roughly 0.56% of the student population and 0.46% of total on-campus population) with reported positive cases of COVID-19. This total includes GuideSafe™ Sentinel Testing for last week (week ending October 2). Last week, 39 sentinel tests were performed (32 students and 7 faculty/staff) with no positive cases of COVID-19. *Thus far, a total of 206 Sentinel Tests have been performed with only one positive test result.*
- 19 students and 2 employees of the University are in quarantine (approximately 1.2% of the University community) due to experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms or from potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Thank you again for all that you do to make this campus a safer and healthier environment for all. This University holds a critical place in the lives of so many—for so many different reasons. Without your patience, willingness, and hard work, this semester would be vastly different, and one that, in my opinion, would be much less productive and would not have provided the opportunities that we have adapted to offer and enjoy thus far. Let's continue to be patient, remain focused, and support one another as we strive to be stronger together.

Take care and be safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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