



January 25, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move back onto campus and engage in our intake testing and surveillance testing protocols, we will continue to be in touch with test results and reminders about what we are doing to keep the campus safe. With infection rates in the United States at considerably higher levels than was the case in the fall, we are expecting to have positive test results, and will adhere to public health agency guidelines in an effort to handle them safely.

In particular, we will take steps to isolate any community member who tests positive, and we will engage in contact tracing with that person immediately. If we determine there are "close contacts" (defined as having spent 15 minutes or more within six feet of a person who tests positive over a 24-hour period), we will take steps to ensure those individuals are placed in quarantine.

We will follow CDC guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine practices:

Isolation - Before returning to in-person experiences in the community, any community member testing positive will need to be isolated for a minimum of 10 days from the date of the positive test, and until the person is symptom free.

Quarantine - Anyone determined to be a "close contact" of a person who tests positive will be required to quarantine for 14 days (from the date of exposure) before returning to in-person experiences in the community.

The Health and Wellness Center will only be in touch directly with community members who test positive, and then with any community members determined to be "close contacts" of the person who has tested positive.

Our intake testing protocol is underway and we have these results to share:

Thursday, January 21: All employees working on campus were tested and there were no positive results.

Sunday, January 24: All students who will be on campus this winter were tested and there were two positive results.

Monday, January 25: All employees working on campus will be tested.

Wednesday, January 27: All students who will be on campus this winter will be tested.

Thursday, January 28: All employees working on campus will be tested.

Monday, February 1: All students who will be on campus this winter will be tested.

Tuesday, February 2, through Friday, March 5: We will be administering 75 tests per day as part of our ongoing surveillance testing program.

We appreciate all that everyone is doing to keep the campus as safe as possible under challenging circumstances. We believe the protocols that are in place will allow us to manage positive test results and engage in subsequent contact tracing efforts. As always, wearing masks, physically distancing, and practicing good hygiene make an enormous difference in community safety. We will continue to emphasize these safety protocols going forward.

If you have questions, please be in touch.

Best,

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