

August 30 COVID Case Data Update

As we begin the third week of classes, we would like to share the following reminders and updates regarding COVID:

COVID Testing and Cases on Campus

For the week of August 22 – 28:

- 36 COVID tests were done at Cosiano
- 9 new positive cases were identified (there were 4 additional active positive cases continuing from the previous week)

Please remember that if you test positive for COVID, you need to inform the Cosiano Health Center (419-434-4550) so contact tracing can be initiated. Instructors are also being asked to keep seating charts for classes in order to assist with the contact tracing process.

Events

Outside groups wishing to use UF indoor facilities for events may continue to submit reservations. If an outside event is approved, the organizers will be required to keep attendance at the event to 50% of the capacity of the space reserved. This will help to support appropriate physical distancing when outside parties are on campus.

Vaccinations

To encourage more individuals to get vaccinated, UF will be launching a program that will provide vaccinated individuals the chance to win a variety of different prizes. All individuals who responded to the COVID survey indicating they were already vaccinated will automatically be entered for a chance to win. Individuals who are not yet vaccinated can be entered for a chance to win once they get vaccinated. More details will be coming shortly.

Face Coverings are Required Indoors

Anyone (including but not limited to all students, employees, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors) entering any campus building, including office buildings, academic buildings, recreational facilities, and housing facilities, must wear an appropriate face covering.

- The face covering must be worn in all classrooms, hallways, public spaces, and common areas, as well as shared office spaces.

The only times face coverings are not required to be worn are as follows:

- When outside.
- By employees working alone in their offices.
- By resident students in their own on campus housing area (visitors to housing areas must wear face coverings).

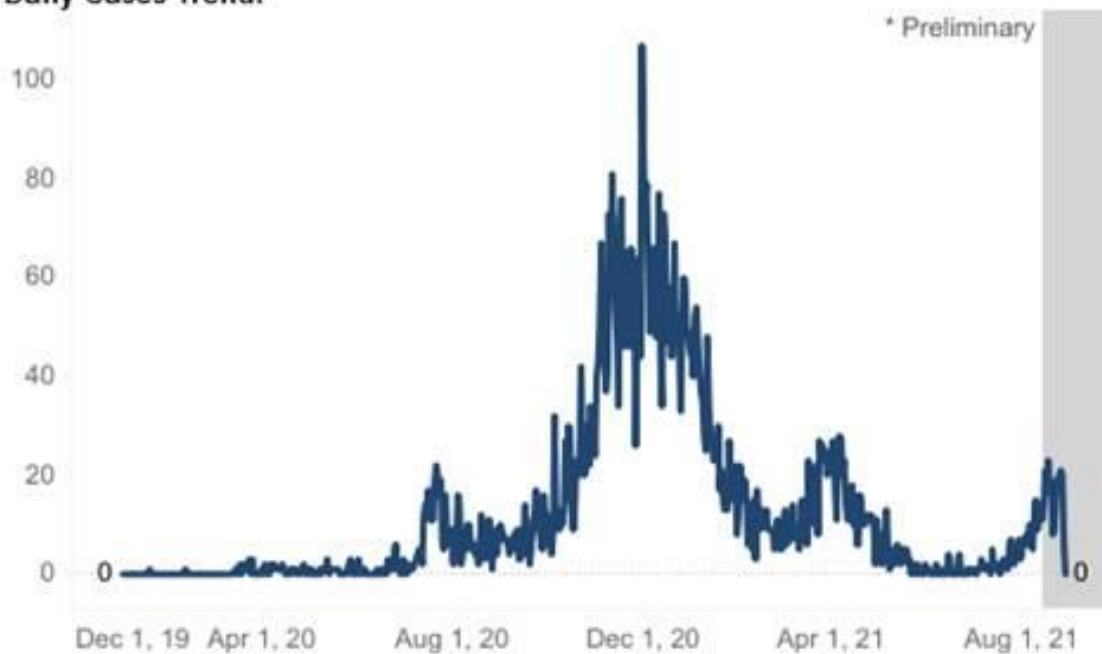
- When participating in activities in which a face covering cannot be worn or would prohibit respiratory function (while in the act of eating, drinking, playing a musical instrument or singing, exercising, playing sports).
- By individuals with a federally recognized disability and/or an accommodation that prevents them from wearing a face covering. Exceptions from the state government or other federal guidelines may also apply. Those that need accommodations should contact [Human Resources](#) (employees) or the [Office of Accommodation and Inclusion](#) (students).

Current COVID Information for Hancock County

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Total Cases: 7,439

Daily Cases Trend:



Given that Hancock County continues to have a classification of “HIGH” for community transmission, we would advise the use of face coverings indoors off campus too.

We will continue to share updates as needed, and appreciate your cooperation. Thank you for your help in keeping Oiler Nation healthy.

Regards,

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