

December 7 COVID Case Data Update

To the UF Community:

As we start finals week, I want to provide a few updates.

- For the week of 11/29-12/5 - we administered 245 tests; there were 30 active positive cases; and 35 people were in quarantine (see [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for more detail).
- The CDC has provided the following new [quarantine guidelines](#):
 - Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
 - When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
 - Persons can discontinue quarantine at these time points only if the following criteria are also met:
 - No clinical evidence of COVID-19 has been elicited by daily symptom monitoring[†] during the entirety of quarantine up to the time at which quarantine is discontinued; and,
 - Daily symptom monitoring continues through quarantine Day 14; and,
 - Persons are counseled regarding the need to adhere strictly through quarantine Day 14 to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs[‡], a.k.a. mitigation strategies), especially. They should be advised that if any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact the local public health authority or their healthcare provider to report this change in clinical status.
 - Persons can continue to be quarantined for 14 days without testing per existing recommendations. This option maximally reduces risk of post-quarantine transmission risk and is the strategy with the greatest collective experience at present.
- SGA is working with Student Affairs to update the Oiler Start Safe & Stay Safe Plan and FAQs.
- The Emergency Operations Team continues to meet weekly to monitor the COVID situation and review spring semester plans.

If you would like to access any of the other campus updates that have been sent out over the past months, please visit the [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Information](#) web page. Links to all updates are located in the Campus Communications section. If you have suggestions or questions, please email them to coronavirus@findlay.edu. Additionally, we would encourage you to download the Oiler Mobile App (available at App Store and Google Play), and enable push notifications. As always, thank you for your understanding and thoughtful feedback.

Regards,

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