January 25 COVID Case Data and Events Update

To the UF Community:

Here are the current COVID updates for this week.

- For the week of 1/17-1/23 we administered 1079 tests; there were 51 active positive cases; and 37 people were in quarantine (see COVID-19 Dashboard for more detail).
- Information regarding the required initial and random testing can be found at https://www.findlay.edu/oiler-start-safe-and-stay-safe/covid-testing.
- To compensate for the elimination of spring break this semester, please remember that the following days have been designated as days off for standard semester courses:
 - o 2/10, 3/2, 3/26, 4/1, 4/2, 4/5, and 4/14
- As a reminder, the following event guidelines (communicated last semester) will remain in effect for this semester until the number of COVID cases declines significantly.
 - o EXTERNAL NON-ATHLETIC events on campus:
 - No external events will be scheduled on campus until further notice.
 - o INTERNAL NON-ATHLETIC events on campus:
 - Events are limited to 50 persons or fewer, with the exception of College First Church and Revive worship services in Winebrenner.
 - o INTERNAL ATHLETIC events on campus:
 - For events where students are competing inside (basketball, indoor track and field, swimming/diving, volleyball, tennis and wrestling), no spectators for either team will be permitted through the end of the academic year. This will be revisited if COVID cases decline drastically. Competitions will be live-streamed whenever possible.
 - Spectators at outside athletic events will be permitted, but must be distanced and masked at all times, following GMAC and NCAA stipulations.
 - EXTERNAL ATHLETIC events on campus:
 - There will continue to be no UF sponsored athletic youth camps, swim lessons, clinics or practices for external participants until further notice. The exception to this policy is the legally binding contractual obligation UF has with the Findlay City Schools swim team for use of the UF pool, but within the UF restrictions for indoor athletic activity.
 - O COMMENCEMENT:
 - We are planning to hold commencement ceremonies as planned the first weekend of May, with the assumption that COVID numbers will decline before then.
- Even though we are doing more testing, please remember the following guidelines remain in place:
 - o On campus

- Wear a face covering *inside* all buildings (classrooms, hallways, offices, public spaces, and common areas).
- Wear a face covering *outside* when safe physical distancing from others (at least six feet) is not possible.
- Ask others politely to wear a face covering if you see they are not.
- Remember that eating in class is not permitted since face coverings must be worn while in class.
- When in Henderson, the CBSL/AMU/Winebrenner/Davis St. Building common areas, wear face coverings at all times except when you are actually in the direct act of eating or drinking.
- o Off campus
 - Wear face coverings as required by the state of Ohio.
 - Maintain physical distance when around others.
 - Avoid group gatherings of more than ten.
- o On or off campus
 - Use the <u>Daily Health Monitoring Tool</u> every day.
 - Follow the Oiler Pledge.
 - Follow the <u>Oiler Start Safe & Stay Safe Plan</u>.
 - If you don't feel well, stay home and contact the Cosiano Health Center.
 - Practice good hygiene and handwashing.

If you would like to access any of the other campus updates that have been sent out over the past months, please visit the <u>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information</u> web page. Links to all updates are located in the Campus Communications section. If you have suggestions or questions, please email them to <u>coronavirus@findlay.edu</u>. 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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