September 7 COVID Case Data Update

As we begin the fourth 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 29 – September 4:

- 51 COVID tests were done at Cosiano
- 15 new positive cases were identified (there were 5 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.

Please note that this only applies to outside groups using UF facilities, and not to internally sponsored events or classes.

Vaccinations

Cosiano is holding a vaccination clinic on September 9th. Anyone interested may contact them at 419-434-4550 to schedule an appointment.

You can also contact the following locations for COVID vaccine availability:

- Kroger: <u>www.kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine</u> or by calling 866-211-5320.
- CVS: www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/covid-screener/covid-qns or by calling 1-800-746-7287
- Walgreens: www.walgreens.com/covidvaccine
- Rite Aid : http://ritea.id/ohio
- Meijer: https://clinic.meijer.com/
- Walmart: walmart.com/covidvaccine

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 <u>only</u> 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).

Hancock Public Health **Weekly COVID-19 Case Report** August 27, 2021 New Cases Hospitalizations* Average Cases per day: 16 Cases per 100,000: 155.71 COVID-19 Test Positivity Rate: 5.54% Community Transmission Per CDC: HIGH rting period 8/20-8/26

Current COVID Information for Hancock County

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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