

January 4 COVID Case Data and Spring Semester Update

To the UF Community:

I hope everyone had a good holiday. As we prepare to begin spring semester classes, I want to share the following information:

- For the week of 12/28-1/2 - we administered 67 tests; there were 5 active positive cases; and 15 people were in quarantine (see [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for more detail).
- Standard spring semester classes will begin as scheduled on January 11, but the first week of those classes will be delivered fully online.
- Live in-person classes (face-to-face and hybrid) will resume on January 19.
- Residence Halls will open on January 16 for students to return to campus (arrivals prior to that will only be approved for extenuating circumstances).
- Spring Break has been removed from the calendar, and that week will now be a regular week of classes.
- With the elimination of Spring Break, five instructional days throughout the semester have been identified as break days on which no classes will be held.
- For the spring semester, UF will follow the new CDC quarantine guidelines which permit a quarantine to end after day 10 if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- The UF Telehealth Center will be taking over responsibilities for contact tracing in the spring so Cosiano can focus seeing patients.
- UF is requiring all employees and students to have a COVID rapid test (or provide proof of a recent negative result) as we begin classes in the spring. Testing will begin on 1/11, and details about the testing arrangements, providing proof of a recent negative result (36 hours), or requesting an exemption from testing for medical reasons will be provided at the end of the week. There will also be required random surveillance testing throughout the semester. While we understand that not everyone supports required testing, our local health professionals believe it is essential in our effort to identify and contain virus spread so we can continue to have live in-person classes.
- The Emergency Operations Team continues to meet to monitor the on-going COVID situation so modifications to spring semester plans can be made as needed.

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. I hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday!

Regards,

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