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Campus Update on Testing; Public Data

Dear Campus,

As we near the end of our second week of courses, we'd like to provide an update on a number of current coronavirus-related questions.

Reporting of COVID-19 Cases

This Friday evening, the university will begin publishing data related to diagnosed COVID-19 cases on campus. The dashboard, which will be available at forwardtogether.uni.edu, will display information from the UNI Student Health Clinic, and will include the total number of tests administered through the clinic, the number of positive tests, and the number of negative tests.

This dashboard will be updated each Friday at 6 p.m. **Please note:** the information being released will include **no personally identifiable information**, and does not include cases being diagnosed by area medical providers, Testlowa, or cases being self-reported through the Panther Health Survey. The dashboard serves to keep our campus and community apprised of the number of tests/cases being handled through the Student Health Clinic.

Panther Health Surveys

We'd like to thank our students and employees who have participated each morning in the Panther Health survey, as well as those who have reached out with feedback on the tool. We are continually making improvements to the survey as it is something we'll ask our community to keep using throughout the semester.

The Panther Health self-reporting system is designed to: (a) provide tailored guidance to individuals based on their individual responses/circumstances; (b) facilitate providing relevant campus support services to individuals within the campus community; and (c) support on-campus contact tracing.

In addition to those things, the information being collected through the Panther Health survey also serves to assist the university in making decisions about our COVID-19 response. These data will be used at the aggregate level to watch trends and potential hotspots. Again, this is not information that will be reported through the public dashboard.

Please know that the Panther Health survey - which can be accessed through the morning emails, on the UNI mobile app, or on the Forward Together [website](#) - is an important tool in helping monitor the spread and impact of COVID-19 on our campus.

COVID-19 Testing

As a reminder, COVID-19 testing is being conducted on campus through the Student Health Clinic. **These tests are readily available.** Students and employees can be tested at the Student Health Clinic. Please call (319) 273-2009 to make an appointment. The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Student Health Clinic is also performing contact tracing to help our community members be aware of exposure. **Faculty members:** Please remember to upload your class seating charts as soon as possible, as these are necessary tools for our contact tracing efforts.

COVID-19 Exposure and Diagnosis

Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been **exposed to** COVID-19 away from others. When an individual has been exposed (this includes being less than 6 feet from someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes) that person will be asked to quarantine for a 14-day period.

Isolation is used to separate people **diagnosed with** COVID-19 from people who are not infected. If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19, they are asked to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days.

As individuals in our community are impacted by COVID-19, the Student Health Clinic and/or public health authorities will contact anyone who needs to quarantine or isolate. We realize this can have an unpredictable effect on attendance in class, extracurricular activities and work, and are asking everyone to have flexibility at this time. Please remember, there may be a variety of reasons why an individual needs to be out, and it's important we operate with patience and understanding as we navigate this time.

If you have any questions at any time, please email forwardtogether@uni.edu, and we will respond as quickly as possible.

COVID-19 Response Team Steering Committee