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Dear Faculty,

Thank you for your work the past several weeks in bringing the in-person educational experience back to the UNI campus. Our students have voiced their deep appreciation for your dedication, and we're pleased to report that we're making rapid improvements to classroom seating arrangements across campus to ensure we have appropriate physical distancing, which will limit the need for contact tracing as our students are more than 6' apart.

As you learn of COVID-19 cases in your classes, please remember that federal law and university policy prohibits you from sharing or exposing medical information of any student. If you are notified of a student in your class who has tested positive, **do not communicate with other students in the class in an attempt to notify them of potential exposure.** Contact tracers from Black Hawk County do this important work and their expertise is key to the contact tracing process.

Your initiative and intention to support students is appreciated. But we must refrain from attempts to assist in contact tracing so that the process runs smoothly by the health professionals hired to do this important work.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the COVID Response Team.

In partnership,

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