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Dear Panthers,

It's been one month since classes began this fall, and the improving metrics for COVID-19 positive tests and the number of students in quarantine and isolation are important milestones in our efforts to protect the UNI community.

We must avoid becoming complacent, including when we are out in the community. Wherever you go, it is important that you and others continue to wear masks, maintain six feet of physical distance, and uphold hand washing and other public health practices that prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please be willing to step away when you observe others aren't maintaining these practices. It's only by collectively making wise choices - avoiding gatherings where physical distancing can't be maintained, whether indoors or outdoors, and getting tested when needed - that we have a chance at finishing this semester in-person.

In the coming weeks we ask you to:

- Avoid situations with a high risk of contracting or spreading the virus.
- Continue to complete the daily [Panther Health symptom-tracking survey](#) before arriving on campus.
- Answer the call if you see a 319 or 515 area code on your phone - it may be a contact tracer trying to reach you.
- Don't hesitate to reach out to the [Student Health Center](#) if you need to be tested.

If we do these things, we can maintain the health and safety of our campus and community and continue to enjoy the benefits of being together on the UNI campus.

Thank you to everyone whose hard work is making this semester possible.

Panther Proud,

Mark A. Nook  
President, UNI

