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Dear Campus Community,

The health and safety of the campus community continues to be our primary concern as we navigate changing conditions and guidance. We are writing to provide you with additional information regarding how our campus is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IDPH Protocols and Data on Quarantined Students

After [yesterday's announcement](#) from IDPH about changes in quarantine protocols, we carefully considered the impact this adjustment would have on our campus. As a result, and to make certain that our work is data-informed, we performed an analysis of our own data regarding students who were quarantined as a result of a classroom exposure. Here are the results:

- Number of Students Quarantined: 411
- Number of Quarantined Students Tested: 335
- Number of Tested Students with a Positive Test: 5 or Less
- Maximum Positivity Rate: 1.5%

Data on our Classrooms

In addition to the data above, we must also remember that we have significantly rearranged our teaching spaces to spread our students out in the effort to reduce the possible number of touch points of a student who tests positive. Here is the data on the current configuration of our classrooms:

- 0 Touch Points = 49, 42.2%
- 1 Touch Points = 25, 22.6%
- 2 Touch Points = 41, 35.3%
- 3 Touch Points = 1, 0.9%

Moving Forward

Because the health and safety of our campus is critical to all of us, we will continue to require masks on campus and practice physical distancing, reducing the space between our students, faculty, and staff. For the spring semester, we will increase the number of classrooms that have no touch points so that even fewer students will sit within six feet of each other.

Remember: if you have been exposed or are having symptoms of COVID-19, please call the Student Health Clinic at 319-273-2100. Continue to [wear your face covering](#), physically distance, wash your hands, complete the [Panther Health Survey](#) and reach out to the [Response Team](#) if you have any suggestions.

Thank you and please continue the great work you are doing to help slow the spread.

Your COVID-19 Response Team Co-Chairs,

Joseph Rayzor, Director of Risk Management and University Safety Officer
Colleen Mulholland, Dean of the College of Education
