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As we near the holiday season, COVID-19 continues to have an impact on our routines. With a potentially busy Halloween weekend coming up and an early end to the semester ushering in an extended winter break, here's what you need to know about the weeks ahead.

### University encourages safety this weekend

Halloween is reliably one of the busiest times of year for the UNI Student Health Clinic. With Oct. 31 falling on a weekend this year, health professionals at the clinic encourage our students and employees to use caution when celebrating this weekend. Some Halloween activities present less risk than others, and there are plenty of [ways to celebrate](#) with health precautions in mind. And if you're socializing with friends, remember to wear your mask, practice good hygiene and maintain physical distancing guidelines as much as possible.

### Struggling with self-care? Student Health Clinic offers resources

The UNI community is dealing with a new reality associated with COVID-19, and the Student Health Clinic has put together a [Virtual Care Package](#) to help students, staff and faculty adjust to these challenging circumstances. The content focuses on self-care, and contains links with advice on grieving, coping with isolation, managing anxiety and more. The clinic hopes this compilation of resources will bring moments of peace, joy and comfort as we all navigate these uncertain times.

### Winter term classes offer credits over break

UNI is offering the opportunity for students to take online classes during this year's winter break, which has been extended to keep students off campus during flu season and the enduring pandemic. Students can earn up to six credits to be applied to their spring term. Courses are offered in both three- and six-week formats. Registration began Oct. 26 and will last through Nov. 11. During winter break, students with 2020-21 academic year housing contracts can remain in campus residence halls and the dining centers will be open. For more information, visit [winter.uni.edu](http://winter.uni.edu).

## Winter Department Operations

This year, winter operations will be in effect Friday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. through the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. During winter operations, departments should move to virtual or remote operations similar to summer 2020. Services and work loads should remain similar. During this time period, most building entrances will be locked, many buildings will have temperature set points reduced, and there will be reductions in snow removal. Refer to the [Winter Operations Department Protocols](#) on the Forward Together site for additional information. Specific operational questions should be addressed to your respective director or department head. These changes, along with this year's modified fall and spring semester schedules, will help expand energy savings and allow for deep cleaning of facilities.

### Have questions? Reach out to us

Students seeking answers to questions about COVID-19-related issues should email us at [forwardtogether@uni.edu](mailto:forwardtogether@uni.edu). You can also find resources and information about COVID-19 on the [Forward Together website](#).

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