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Dear Panthers,

I am writing to thank you for your perseverance this semester as we all negotiated a truly challenging time together. I hope you will look back on this time in the far distant future as one where you overcame difficulties that stretched you and allowed you to know yourself and your capabilities better. Please remember to take care of yourself and use the [virtual care resources](#) the university has provided.

I also want to provide information on the spring semester.

Spring Semester Delivery Mode

For spring semester, the current plan is to continue with primarily face-to-face instruction like we had in the fall. The current breakdown of classes for Spring 2021 is as follows:

- 74% In-person
- 7% Hybrid
- 17% Online semester based
- 2% Online independent study

In order to continue to elevate the health and safety of everyone on our campus, we will be once again increasing physical distancing in our classrooms (we will do this work over the holiday break). We will continue to expect everyone to wear masks, physical distance, wash your hands, and stay safe. Your collective efforts over the past months made it possible to get to this point, and I know that with your help we can continue to maintain a safe campus.

Spring Semester Decision-Making Process

As you know, we plan to launch spring semester on January 25 with our delayed start, not have a spring break, and finish on May 7. We will continue to watch the trends over the holiday break in order to determine if we need to make any tweaks to the spring schedule. We will communicate information out on our website and through email.

Right now, what we want students to do is just this:

- Finish the semester. We certainly wish you well on your final exams and projects.
- Register for spring semester classes.
- Take a breather. You have earned it.

And then, over the holiday break, watch your UNI email for continued communication from the campus regarding spring semester. We hope to have regular communications going out every Wednesday at noon starting on January 6.

In the meantime, please take some time off, stay safe, and wear your masks!

Be well,
Jim Wohlpart
