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## Our Work to Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19, February 2, 2021

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## Our Work to Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19

As we start the spring semester, please remember it's more important than ever that we follow public health guidelines. Wearing masks, social distancing, getting tested when needed and completing the Panther Health survey daily are the tools that will help us remain on campus this semester.

To our employees, thank you for continuing to go above and beyond in preparing for a safe spring semester. To our students, we are eager to engage you as we support you in reaching your educational, professional and personal life goals.

Our best chance at a successful spring semester is to commit to looking out for each other and ourselves, showing gratitude for those who are working to make this in-person experience possible, and being compassionate to each other as we all do our best during a difficult time.

## Important Spring 2021 Information

### Spring 2021 Semester

Building on what we've achieved together this fall semester, the spring 2021 calendar has been modified in response to the ongoing pandemic. Key changes to our spring schedule of classes are as follows:

- Spring semester classes began on Monday, January 25, later than originally scheduled
- Spring break will not be held
- Final exams will take place Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7

### 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

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- 2% Online independent study

## Protecting Our Panthers: News & Stories



### *Former UNI football player tackling disease research*

Now in grad school with plans to become an epidemiologist, Blake Thomas is studying how to fight diseases that disproportionately impact minoritized communities. “I want to help people,” he said.

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## *Modeling COVID-19 infection*

UNI physics student Madelyn Johnson is working on an infection model that examines how COVID-19 spreads through a community.

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## Questions or Suggestions?

Parents and community members—if you have questions or suggestions about our response to COVID-19, please email us at [forwardtogether@uni.edu](mailto:forwardtogether@uni.edu).

Students who have COVID-19 related concerns to share should email [forwardtogether@uni.edu](mailto:forwardtogether@uni.edu).