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Forward Together Update

Dear Panther Community,

As we reach the end of the spring semester, there's a lot of positive news to share. COVID-19 positivity rates in Black Hawk County and on campus are at some of the lowest levels since the pandemic began. We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the COVID-19 Response Team Steering Committee and Campus Liaisons for their dedicated service throughout this academic year. Also, a special thanks to our health care workers, cleaning crews, faculty, staff, students, and administrators for all of your amazing efforts on campus to keep us all safe.

Around 57% of Iowa adults have now received at least one dose of vaccine and 46% are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the governor's office. Nationally more than 70% of adults over 65 have now been fully vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

We continue to strongly encourage everyone to be vaccinated either on campus or through their healthcare provider or local pharmacy. On-campus clinics are open to faculty, staff and students as well as their household members.

Remember that CDC guidelines for mask use and physical distancing remain in effect. The [CDC said this week](#) that its model predicts a possible national uptick in cases this month but a sharp decline by July.

Forward Together communications

With the semester ending, you'll hear from us less. Rather than twice-weekly emails, we expect to communicate with campus every other week over the summer, but will continue to keep you informed as things develop.

If you have a question, please visit forwardtogether.uni.edu or email it to forwardtogether@uni.edu. Thanks for all that you do to keep yourself, your family and the Panther community safe.

Stay Well,

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