



The Return of the Flock

EMAIL TO THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY – 3/30/22

To the Washington College Community,

This message is to inform you that we currently have 10 COVID cases on campus. We had 5 students test positive today, and 3 students test positive yesterday. Additionally, 2 employees tested positive yesterday. There are 4 students now residing in isolation housing on campus and 1 student in quarantine housing. All of these cases are symptomatic.

We are monitoring the situation closely and will keep the community updated.

While we remain mask-optional, it is an appropriate time to offer these reminders:

- **If you are experiencing ANY symptoms (even if mild) you should assume you are positive and mask up** as a courtesy to those around you. You should also schedule a testing appointment ASAP and self-isolate as much as possible until your test.
- Under no circumstances should you ever share a mask with someone else.
- The decision to wear a mask or not in indoor settings is based on one's own risk factors. However, while we are experiencing this uptick in cases, it's a good time to re-evaluate your personal risks, which may include things beyond underlying health conditions. For example:
 - If you play a spring sport, what are the consequences to you and your team if you test positive?
 - If you are in the performing arts and have a performance coming up, what are the consequences if you test positive?
 - There are just 2 examples among many -- the point is that you should **take the time now to decide if there are reasons you feel you should increase your personal safety measures**. There's no shame in returning to the mask game!

If you need a new mask, we have a supply of KN95/N95 masks still available. You can pick one up from any of the following locations:

- Residential Life Office
- LAT
- Writing Center/OAS/Quantitative Skill
- SGA Office
- Student Affairs Office

Most of the Faculty Admins also have supplies of masks for any faculty who would like to have extras on hand. More are available, so any admins who would like a supply can pick them up in Student Affairs.

Stay well.