



# The Return of the Flock

**Email to the Washington College Community – 4/29/22**

**To the Washington College Community,**

We have seen a slight increase in COVID cases over the past couple of days. This is not significant enough at this time to warrant any campus-wide policy changes, but as we head into May and a flurry of events and activities, we are making some recommendations for consideration. Please review the below information in full.

## **COVID UPDATE**

We currently have 7 positive cases among the student body. There are 3 students residing in isolation housing on campus. These positives have all been from this week.

## **MEETINGS**

With this uptick, we strongly encourage clubs and organizations hosting meetings next week to consider moving them outside or to a virtual format, if possible. If meeting indoors, masking is recommended (though not required).

## **EVENTS**

Events planned for the next 2 weeks should also be evaluated to determine if there are ways to increase safety for all participants. This may include a format or venue change, encouraging masks indoors, or requesting that attendees submit a negative test result. Health Services is still operating the testing site and happy to work with any groups who feel it would be beneficial to test attendees ahead of an event.

While these actions are beneficial to the entire community, **we are especially thinking of our seniors in making these recommendations.** This is a special and meaningful time for the students who will be completing their Washington College journey in just a few weeks, and we don't want any of them to have to miss out on any of the planned activities leading up to Commencement, or the graduation ceremony itself. Please continue to exercise good judgment, test if you feel at all unwell, and get outside as much as you can!

Have a great weekend.