

Together We Can Protect the Nest!

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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

This past week has been a challenging time for many members of our community as we have seen a significant increase in the transmission of COVID-19. This week's testing data serves as a reminder that we must remain vigilant as COVID-19 continues to impact our community. We acknowledge that there is COVID fatigue and many are weary of the mitigation strategies you have been asked to follow. It is imperative that we all continue to be accountable to each other and our community so that we can continue to have the Trinity experience we all cherish and expect.

Our data continue to show that social interactions are the highest risk activities and are the primary driver of COVID-19 infections. We know that the social experience is important to students and your overall college experience. However, we strongly urge everyone to show respect for our community and wear your mask appropriately and consistently. We also urge you to consider additional precautions as we manage the increase in cases on campus.

Over the past two years we have accomplished so much as a community and weathered the many unknowns that have come our way. We are a highly vaccinated community, we remain committed to the in-person learning experience and the common purpose we share is something we should be proud of. While we are fortunate that most cases we are seeing have been asymptomatic or mild—not surprising given that we are a vaccinated and boosted community—we recognize the level of uncertainty and concern this uptick has created for many of you.

Our faculty and staff are committed to the educational and co-curricular experience of our students. We need students to be ever mindful of the activities you engage in that have impacts beyond any personal or group experience. We have heard from students who are very worried about having their own or their classmates learning experience disrupted because of the need to isolate.

We will continue with in-person learning and monitor public health guidance, trends, and our testing data daily. We will maintain in-person dining while providing grab-and-go options for those who prefer it. To-go containers will be available in dining facilities. Do not take meals into the library or into classrooms. We ask that you be considerate of how much food you take to-go to avoid waste.

As we move forward with the safety and well-being of our entire community in mind, we offer our sincere appreciation to each of you for coming together with compassion and care for one another. We remain confident in the health measures and policies we currently have in place and the flexibility for all students, staff, and faculty to adjust accommodations as needed.

We will continue to keep you informed as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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