



Community Update 8.31.21

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Good morning Kohawks,

See below for some important updates regarding COVID-19.

COVID-19 and campus community experience

Our community experience with COVID-19 remains very low. Today we have seven total students in quarantine or isolation. Four of those students have tested positive with COVID-19 and all are quarantined safely. Last year on this date 55 students had tested positive. This year that comparable total is 8.

Numbers of students in quarantine or isolation are updated twice per week on the [Coe website](#).

Surveillance Testing

200 students who have not registered vaccination are being tested weekly through surveillance testing. This number of students tested represents 70% of our students who have not registered with full vaccination, so we feel confident in our data.

Class Release

All students who either needed to provide vaccine or testing information have done so and are released to attend classes. This is different from those in quarantine or isolation, in which case students are required to stay home from class as instructed by the COVID response team.

Mask Reminder

As a reminder, masks are required in academic buildings and all other areas with signage requiring masking. In addition to classrooms and faculty offices, students must mask in the hallways, study areas, and between classes in these areas. Students who fail to comply with these requirements will be subject to disciplinary action.

Linn County Community

Our larger community in Linn County continues to have high positive test rates and local hospitals are working to create additional capacity for care. Therefore, we continue to advise our students to remain on campus as much as possible and to practice safe behaviors when traveling off campus.

Vaccine Clinic

We have another **Pfizer** vaccine clinic here on campus next Tuesday, September 7th, from 12:00 - 2:00pm in Eby. Please sign up [through this link](#) for either your first or second dose (check eligibility for second dose before signing up!) Pfizer has been fully approved through the FDA, and there are many advantages. Fully vaccinated community members are protecting their health and the community, and are also exempt from surveillance testing and quarantine requirements for close contact if you are not symptomatic. Sign up today!

The overall experience our campus is having in comparison to the county around us is a direct reflection of this community's commitment to vaccination and safe practices. We appreciate you Kohawks! Stay safe and healthy!

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