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## Community Update 2.10

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Dear Kohawks,

See below for important updates and information.

### **Update: Campus Community and COVID-19**

Currently there are 2 positive students and 3 total in quarantine or isolation. 1 faculty or staff members have tested positive and are safely in isolation.

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

### **New: Student Testing Protocol Update**

Health Services has updated testing protocols for students and this information is below. Over the past few weeks, we have learned that sometimes a rapid test will come back negative on the first day of symptoms, because the viral load needed to test positive may not be high enough yet, particularly if the student is vaccinated.

**Students with illness symptoms** should continue to stay home from all classes/activities. Symptomatic students can request a test through Health Services by completing the [test request form](#). **Please do not report to Health Services without an appointment if you are symptomatic.**

If students are also a close contact, reach out to [covid@coe.edu](mailto:covid@coe.edu) as well for isolation protocols.

### **Health Services Testing Protocol for symptomatic students**

- Health Services will schedule a rapid test on day one, and recommend that students take a PCR test while in the office as well. PCR tests have been coming back within 24 hours so this is a quick turnaround through Health Services.
- If negative, Health Services will recommend returning for another test on day 2.
- If at any point a student tests positive, isolation protocols are initiated.

**Close contact students who are not symptomatic** should stop in Health Services to take a PCR test on day 5 after close contact. Students may continue to attend class as long as they are not symptomatic. If positive, isolation protocols will be initiated.

### **Reminder: Community Benchmarks**

Below are the benchmarks the COVID Leadership committee is monitoring:

- The **Coe community positive rate** continues to be under 1%.
- The Coe community has surpassed 85% **vaccination rate** in the student population and 94% for faculty and staff.
- The CDC continues to list **Linn County** as a high risk for transmission.
- **Hospital capacity** is listed as yellow (limited capacity).