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## Community Update 1.11.22

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Dean Of Students, Coe College <dos@coe.edu>

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Reply-To: dos@coe.edu

To: All Students <allstudents@coe.edu>

Dear Kohawks,

See below for important community updates.

### Testing

- The large campus testing events for unvaccinated community members is complete and 180 unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff were tested in those events. Seven students and zero faculty/staff tested positive during those events.\*
  - A huge thank you to Athletics, Health & Wellness, Residence Life, and HR staff for assisting with the testing event and to everyone who helped arrange/set it up.
- Faculty and staff have access to a small list of students who still need to test in order to attend classes. Those students can email [o-healthservices@coe.ed](mailto:o-healthservices@coe.ed) to arrange a testing time.
- Surveillance began before the term started and plans will continue to evolve as soon as NCAA and OSHA regulations are finalized. We will communicate with the campus as we know more.

### Vaccination

- Our campus continues to be highly vaccinated and has increased vaccination rates this spring term. 94% of faculty and staff have completed the first vaccination series, and 84.4% of students have done the same.
- The CDC recommends that people remain up to date with their vaccines, which includes [additional doses](#) for individuals who are immunocompromised or [booster doses](#) for other individuals who last received a COVID vaccine five months prior of Moderna or Pfizer, or two months prior of J&J. This is in alignment with other non-COVID vaccines.
- Please help us keep our records updated by registering any additional doses of vaccine [here](#). We will begin reporting these numbers next week, so please take a moment to update your record if applicable.
- We are hosting another vaccine/booster clinic on Friday, January 14th on campus. You can register [here](#). Registration closes Thursday at noon.

### Quarantine and Isolation

- Today we have 20 students who have tested positive and a total of 28 students in quarantine or isolation. Many of these students tested positive prior to returning to campus and will be released this week.
- Seven faculty or staff members have tested positive (outside campus), and all are safely isolated.

### Community Benchmarks

As a reminder, below are the benchmarks the COVID Leadership Committee is monitoring. The COVID Leadership Committee and senior leadership team are meeting weekly to monitor these benchmarks and to consider any changes.

- The **Coe community positive rate** is 1.2%.

- As referenced above, the Coe community has surpassed 84% **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 red (closed for transfers and limited capacity).

Given the national and local rise in cases, we feel that Coe is well prepared to start the term, and we will continue to provide regular updates. You can find twice weekly updates regarding quarantine and isolation [here](#).

\*An email from the Dean of Students account said 8 students tested positive, but one was a report from a student at home.

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