

Wabash.

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To: Students, Faculty, Staff, Parents, Alumni, and Friends
From: President Scott E. Feller and Professor Ann Taylor
Re: COVID on Campus

We have been planning for the last four months for the return of residential teaching and learning on campus, and have put in place a number of protocols based on the best information from public health agencies. Now as students have begun to return, it is imperative that **ALL** members of the Wabash community follow four important procedures each and every day:

1. Use the [COVID Pass app](#) for each morning before coming to campus.
2. Wear a mask all the time except when you are alone in your room or office; working or walking alone outside on campus; or eating at a safe distance from others.
3. Maintain at least six feet of physical distance from everyone, all the time.
4. Wash your hands well and frequently, using guidelines posted all over campus.

Our pre-return testing through CVS Pharmacy is working, as are the various procedures we have developed. Last week, we identified a few students who received positive test results for COVID-19 prior to their return to campus and they are isolating at home. Over the weekend, we had a student receive a positive test result for COVID-19 after his arrival. We immediately activated our contact tracing system. The ill student has gone home to isolate for 10 days and those students who were in close contact with him will quarantine for 14 days. We are grateful for the quick response of our Student Health Center staff, Case Managers, COVID Data Managers, and our CARE Team members for their execution of our plans.

This case also proves why everyone **MUST SAFE MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE FROM OTHERS.** A large percentage of young people infected with COVID-19 are not showing significant symptoms and yet are contagious. Assume everyone is contagious! We must maintain safe distances from one another to avoid an outbreak on our campus, and we must be diligent about using the COVID Pass app each day before coming to campus.

Students who must isolate or quarantine should be in direct communication with their professors and supervisors about their absences. For privacy and work load reasons, the Student Health Center will not be sending out information about individual cases. Faculty should work with the students to provide remote access or alternate assignments for the time period they will be absent from class.

If you have questions, please send them to covid@wabash.edu.

We can do this, Wabash, but only if everyone takes seriously our policies and procedures – in class, around campus, and especially in living units.