

March 29, 2021

To: Wabash Community

From: President Scott Feller and Dr. Ann Taylor

Re: Community Update for March 29, 2021

Congratulations on another great week of campus metrics! Once again, 100% of COVID-19 surveillance tests were negative and we have zero students in isolation or quarantine. COVID Pass app use was 93% last week, the highest rate we have achieved.

Equally exciting is the news that the Indiana Department of Health will supply us with vaccine to hold a vaccination clinic for students, faculty, and staff on Friday, April 9. The possibility of sending students home to families this summer, and hopefully to in-person jobs and internships, with immunity to COVID-19 is an exceptional opportunity for our campus.

The first responses we received from our announcement last Friday were from students, faculty, and staff who want to volunteer at our vaccine clinic. If you would like to join in this effort, please send an email to <a href="mailto:covid@wabash.edu">covid@wabash.edu</a>; we especially need experienced vaccinators. We will announce instructions about how to register for vaccination in the next few days.

We will have our second reading day this Friday – a much-needed break from classes. A semester without an extended break would be challenging during normal times, but under the stressful conditions of the pandemic it can feel overwhelming at times. We urge everyone to begin to make a plan for how you can best benefit from the coming three-day weekend, whether it's <u>rest, relax</u>, recreation, reconnection, or restructuring your time.

By this point in the semester, you can easily predict that we will again remind you of the 3W's and 3C's, and the <u>risks of traveling during a pandemic</u>. You've demonstrated mastery of those skills, and we're grateful for it. This pandemic has shown us that our mission—to educate young men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely—holds the keys to achieving the unimaginable. Keep persevering, and we'll reach the finish line together and stronger than ever.

With gratitude for you and all you bring to campus,

President Scott Feller
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