



May 3, 2021

To: Wabash Community  
From: President Scott Feller and Dr. Ann Taylor  
Re: Community Update for May 3, 2021

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As we enter the last full week of the semester, gratitude is the emotion that seems to have a hold of the campus. It is certainly what we are feeling. We are so thankful for the efforts of Nurse Amidon, Jill Rogers, Dr. Douglas, and Dr. Roberts for leading our vaccination clinic on Friday. We are celebrating that over 600 members of our community were vaccinated and that 99% of second dose appointments were kept. Our expert volunteers ran the clinic smoothly, and more important, there were smiles all around Chadwick Court (and a constantly ringing bell at the #BashCOVID station). Participants consumed over 1,200 cookies provided by parents to top it off. Thank you all!

The center of Chadwick Court was literally a gratitude station on Friday. The giant "Thank You Students!" card signed by faculty and staff was a great reminder of what got us through the year and the central role that our student body played by living out our College's mission. And students stepped up again on Friday to write thank you notes for members of the Wabash community on and off campus, including those who supported us with their philanthropy on the Day of Giving. Being able to give thanks in difficult times [cultivates resilience, helps us appreciate the good](#) and brings healing.

We are also grateful for a surveillance test positivity rate of under 0.2%. This week we will administer the last surveillance tests of the semester, except for some student-athletes who may participate in championship events in coming weeks. Please take a moment to thank members of the testing team. Without them there would likely not have been a year of residential education on campus, and there certainly would not have been the 100+ athletic contests that Wabash students have participated in over the past three months.

It is important to remember that it takes two weeks after the second vaccine dose for full efficacy. We must continue avoiding the 3 C's and adhering to the 3 W's, along with our symptom monitoring and test, trace, isolate programs. Let's take pride in our accomplishments and keep working hard right up until the end. This is especially true of masking and distancing – our most effective mitigation tools.

With gratitude for you and all you bring to campus,

President Scott Feller  
Ann Taylor, Special Assistant to the President for COVID Response and Planning

