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Important Information for Students in the Final Weeks of the Semester

As the fall semester at Wabash draws to a close, it is important that students begin preparing to return home to spend time with their families and loved ones. While we know this has been an exhausting semester for many, now is the time to rally with a Wabash Always Fights attitude to continue doing those things that have been effective for us this semester: Wearing your masks, keeping at least six feet of distance between you and others, washing your hands frequently, and monitoring your symptoms every day using the COVID Pass app. These are the things we know will help you return home healthy and ready to spend time with your families.

When the weather is good, get outside and exercise. Many students have developed a love of golf and running during this pandemic, and those are great ways to relieve stress and maintain good mental health. When working out at the Allen Center – on your own or as part of organized team athletic practices – it's smart to wear your mask and keep your distance from others.

When you have to be inside, continue to wear your masks. And when you are eating, do your best to make sure there is ample distance – at least six feet – between you and your roommates or brothers. As you have no doubt heard, the county and state COVID positivity rates are sky-rocketing and many people are not following the Governor's mask mandate. We think it's smart to avoid dining in restaurants or bars here in Crawfordsville or elsewhere. Wear your masks when picking up food from carry-out or drive-thru, and insist on contact-free delivery for food or groceries.

Finally, let's all work together to maintain the Wabash bubble. When we've done so, we've had remarkable success in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 on our campus. If at all possible, we encourage students to remain on campus these last few weeks to the extent possible. We have made it this far and we should not take the avoidable risks of bringing the disease back to our campus or having guests who could spread COVID in the final days of the semester.

These mitigation efforts will help you stay healthy right through final exams so that you can return home safely. These same, basic public health tactics will also allow you to spend time with family and friends over the break in ways that reduce the risk of COVID spread for everyone.

Please work together as a Wabash brotherhood to help everyone reach the finish line on November 24.

Wabash Always Fights – Together!

