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Dear Campus Community:

The University has compiled the results from COVID-19 entrance testing for faculty staff and students. Of the 697 students who were tested, 16 returned a positive result, which represents a positivity rate of 2.29%. Approximately 60 students were quarantined because of having had close contact with the students who tested positive. All these positive cases and their close contacts have completed their quarantine and isolation protocols. Since classes began, an additional 7 students have tested positive and are currently in isolation. An additional 12 students are quarantined based on close contacts.

Of the 183 employees who completed the entrance test, 7 tested positive for COVID-19 for a positivity rate of 3.8%. An additional 4 employees have tested positive outside the entrance testing. A total of 5 employees remain in isolation.

The student affairs staff, the coaching staff, and the athletic training staff have worked long hours assisting in various ways, including conducting COVID-19 testing and providing meal deliveries to quarantined students.

The State of West Virginia designated higher education workers and students in health sciences who will work with patients in a clinical setting this semester as high priorities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. By the end of next week, all employees who requested to receive the vaccine will have received their first doses. On Thursday, 31 employees will be the first to receive their second doses. Last Thursday, vaccinations for eligible health science students began and will continue weekly.

The athletic department is regularly testing students (at least once per week) who are members of intercollegiate athletic teams. The athletic trainers and coaches work closely with the COVID-19 response program in both identification of positive cases and close contacts.

Each member of the University community must continue to diligently follow the safety guidelines as we live and learn together this semester. It is imperative that each of us wear our face coverings, particularly indoors as mandated by West Virginia's Governor, keep a social distance of 6 or more feet from others, and frequently wash our hands. Additionally, avoid social gatherings, particularly indoors, where six-foot distancing is difficult to maintain.

Sincerely,



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