



Dear Campus Community,

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This communication provides important information and updates for campus community members. Please be sure to review all information contained in this email.

Alert Green Status!

Great job this week, Duhawks! We had ZERO new cases of COVID-19 on campus this week, and at this time have a very low number of students/employees in quarantine or isolation status. We will operate at **ALERT GREEN** status this week. Please review ALERT GREEN guidelines attached to this email, and remember that we must continue making good decisions to keep our community at the ALERT GREEN level moving forward.

Important Information About Easter Break

Please note that the college plans to provide free COVID-19 testing on campus before break on March 31 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and following break on April 7, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the AWC. More information will be available to the campus community as we approach these dates.

Following Easter Break, we will return with online instruction from April 6 - 9. Students are encouraged to return to campus by April 6 so that they have the full support provided by being on campus. After this week, beginning April 12, classes will meet as planned—hybrid, fully in-person, or online. Internships, practica, clinicals, and student teaching will begin as originally scheduled. If you have questions related to internship, practicum, clinical, and student teaching courses, please contact the instructor of record. Graduate students should follow course start information provided by their instructor.

Get Outside – Better Weather on the Way!

Only 29 days until the first day of spring! While we know we expect a little more snow this weekend, by Tuesday of next week we are looking at a high of almost 40 degrees! As the temperatures warm up, remember that gathering outdoors is a great way to more safely connect with others. Take a walk around campus, enjoy snow volleyball on the Byrne Oaks court, grill a meal outdoors with a small group of friends, and explore other fun ways to enjoy the sunshine! For more ideas on how to safely enjoy outdoor activities, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

Vaccinated? Let us know.

If you have received a dose of the COVID vaccine, please be sure to reach out to Tammy.Marti@loras.edu and share the date(s) you received the vaccine and the brand of vaccine received if known.

Congratulations to Grace Whittaker and Manny Rivera - this week's COVID safe prize winners! Keep up the great work! #LorasTogether

At **ALL ALERT LEVELS**, those who have been instructed to quarantine or isolate based on a positive test should contact the Health Center, and are expected to remain in their designated quarantine/isolation space until the date given by the Health Center or documented by a Health Care provider. Those in isolation or quarantine who need assistance are welcome to contact the Information Desk at 563.588.7100 for assistance. Students in isolation/quarantine should not be visiting other rooms, going to the store, going out to eat, etc. Students in isolation/quarantine may go for short walks outside as outlined by the Health Center. For clarification about isolation and quarantine expectations, please contact the Health Center at 563.588.7142.

At ALERT GREEN STATUS:

- On campus, masks continue to be required in all public areas and in areas where 6 feet social distance is not possible (including public restrooms). The City of Dubuque and Dubuque County also have mask requirements in place at this time.
- When dining, utilizing available to-go options remains encouraged.
- Groups planning programming should consider using small group or virtual programming when possible. When programming, offer a Zoom or Teams option when possible for those who may not be able to attend programming due to quarantine or isolation protocols or risk status. Masks are required for all programs unless participants are eating or drinking.
- Common area rec rooms will operate with 6 feet social distancing between individuals at Beckman, Binz, and Rohlman Halls to help reduce the number of large group gathering areas and reduce contact with common surfaces. No in-hall solicitation will be permitted at this time. Additional use and cleaning expectations have been posted for hall kitchens and laundry rooms. Non-Loras guests are not permitted in college housing at this time.
- Campus community members should continue to avoid social gatherings with those you do not live with as well as gatherings at house parties and bars. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not attend class, work, or any social gatherings. **The Director of the CDC has noted that even small group gatherings are resulting in community spread of COVID-19 at this time.** As previously recommended, prioritize outdoor over indoor activities, stay within the local area when possible, practice 6 feet social distancing, wear a mask, wash hands after touching common and frequently used surfaces, and use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Students who host and/or attend unsafe gatherings, socials, or parties (on or off campus), as well as students who attend bars, risk contracting and/or spreading the virus to other community members. **As a result, please know that students who are found attending hosting unsafe gatherings, socials, or parties (on or off campus), or attending bars may be sent away from campus to continue their learning remotely and may not be permitted on campus for the duration of term/academic year.**

- Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to maintain a safe environment for all student-athletes, campus community and spectators, the Loras College Athletic Department has announced a limited attendance policy for winter home events. In cooperation with local and state health officials, Loras will continue to monitor in-person attendance. These policies are subject to change at any time. Athletic Wellness Center (AWC) – Lillis Court Two individuals per each participant (student-athlete/coach/staff member) will be permitted to attend basketball, volleyball, and wrestling home events. Spectators must check in at the registration tables located at each entrance. Seating for spectators will be designated. Physical distancing and face coverings will be required, according to campus policy. Spectators must be seated with family members only.

No students, faculty, staff, and community members will be allowed to attend and only those listed on the pass list will be allowed in venue. There will be no concession services available. Doors will be open 30 minutes prior to contest. All varsity games for both the men and women will be followed by a junior varsity game. Duhawk Athletics plans to stream all home events including varsity and junior varsity, free of charge. Links to video streams are located on the teams' respective schedules and at duhawks.com/watch. Do not attend events or other public gatherings if you are ill, have tested positive for, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

- When necessary, designated athletic teams will cease operations (no practices, facility use, or locker room use) for a period of time to help reduce contact and slow virus activity. Coaches will be in contact with teams impacted by this mitigation strategy. Teams that have not been instructed to cease operations are permitted to maintain practices, squad scrimmages, and locker room use provided they are following Athletics COVID-19 plan, completing the daily screening processes required by the athletic training staff team, and testing as directed.
- Those who are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 should follow recommendations from their health care provider, and should discuss any accommodations requests with their instructor or supervisor. For more information about groups who are at high-risk for severe illness, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

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