



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

Our hard work is keeping the number of positive cases on campus very low at this time. We have two new cases of COVID-19 on campus this week, and at this time have only 9 students/employees in quarantine or isolation status. We will operate at **ALERT GREEN** status this week. Please review our ALERT GREEN guidelines, and keep working hard to help keep the campus community safe!

Upcoming Testing Opportunities

As you make plans for the Easter break, please know that free COVID-19 testing will be available on campus on Wednesday, March 31, and Wednesday, April 7, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the AWC. Visit www.testiowa.com prior to your preferred testing day to complete the Test Iowa questionnaire. To be tested on campus, when in the survey click “Additional Testing Options”, then “I would like to be tested at a local clinic”, then “Epic Health & Wellness.” Please use the address 1450 Alta Vista Street as your local address. You will receive a QR code to save to your phone or print – **you will need this code to get tested**. Student athletes who are required to test for their sport should contact their coach for information about testing.

Vaccine Eligibility Update!

As more vaccine becomes available, opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are becoming available to additional eligible groups. **In Iowa**, in our county, vaccine remains in short supply. Dubuque County is now vaccinating Phase 1B, Tier 2 groups. This includes those 65 and older, frontline essential workers in food, agriculture, and manufacturing sectors who live or work in non-social distanced settings and individuals with disabilities living in home settings and their direct care staff. As of March 4, providers in our county could also begin vaccinating additional priority populations including individuals 64 years of age and younger with medical conditions that are or may be at increased risk of severe illness from COVID 19. See the CDC’s recommendations for underlying medical conditions for more information about conditions eligible to be vaccinated in this priority group at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>. Those in the 64 and under with medical conditions group will need to self-schedule appointments through vaccine provider websites. To locate available vaccine in your area, visit <https://vaccinefinder.org>.

For those who live nearby **in Illinois**, the state will move to vaccinating those through their expanded 1B group. This means that in addition to those in phase 1A (health care personnel, hospital settings, non-hospital health care, other congregate care, and long term residents and staff), and phase 1B (first responders, teachers, child care workers, public transit, grocery store workers, shelter workers, and those in manufacturing), Illinois is also vaccinating individuals 65 and older, frontline essential workers (part 1), inmates (part 1), and persons aged 16 – 64 with high-risk medical conditions (part 2). For more

information about the vaccination plan for the state of Illinois, please visit <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccination-plan>. To locate available vaccine in your area, visit <https://vaccinefinder.org>.

For those who live nearby in Wisconsin, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm> outlines vaccine eligibility for those who live in the state. Those currently eligible include frontline health care employees; residents in skilled nursing and long term care; police, fire and correctional staff; adults 65 and older; educators and child care staff (in Wisconsin, this includes those in higher education); individuals in long term Medicaid programs; some public facing essential workers; non-frontline essential health care personnel; and congregate living staff and residents. Beginning March 29, individuals 16 and older with certain medical conditions that have a greater risk of severe infection from COVID-19 will be eligible. To locate available vaccine in your area, visit <https://vaccinefinder.org>.

Please remember to contact the Health Center at 563.588.7142 or at Tammy.Marti@loras.edu if you receive the COVID-19 vaccine. If possible, please share your vaccination dates and vaccine brand.

Congratulations to Noelle Javurek and Payton McDonnell - this week's COVID safe prize winners! Please consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine if you are eligible! #LorasTogether

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