



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.

Best Wishes for Successful Final Exams!

Whether you are at home or on campus, please keep studying, wearing that mask, socially distance, and practice good hygiene as we head into final exams! Know that we are all cheering you on and wishing you a strong finish to the fall semester!

Free COVID-19 Testing Available On Campus December 7

On Monday, December 7, from Noon – 2:00 p.m., free COVID-19 testing sponsored by Hy-Vee is being offered on campus for the Loras Community at the Athletic and Wellness Center. To be tested at this location, you must first schedule an appointment. Visit www.doineedacovid19test.com. When asked for your address, please use the college's address (1450 Alta Vista Street, Dubuque, IA 52001) as the address. Create a user name and password and write it down – you will log back in to this site to receive your results. Select Iowa, and then Dubuque. Choose the option for Loras College students, faculty, and staff. When you create your account, you will receive a voucher that you must print off and bring to your testing appointment to receive your test. Questions? Please contact the Health Center at 563.588.7142.

A Reminder to Celebrate and Travel Safely

Those who may be traveling home once exams are completed should consider being tested prior to the departing. With many free test sites having limited capacities due to the holidays, it may be a good idea to schedule your test through the campus clinic on December 7 (see details above).

In addition, those traveling should review the document "[Tips for Safe Travel](#)" and seek out information on the status of the COVID-19 at their destination to ensure they are taking advantage of all available safety precautions. COVID-19 information for each state is available at https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days. Clicking the state on the map will provide a direct link to the public health website for the state.

Planning Ahead: Getting Tested for COVID-19 Prior to the Beginning of the Spring Semester

The college is asking all campus community members to plan to be tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of the spring semester. Individuals are welcome to be tested in their home community or in the Dubuque community. Updated information about test sites in the Dubuque community and how to submit your test results will be sent at a later time. If you

have questions about testing or need assistance finding testing in your home community, please reply to this email or contact the Health Center at 563.588.7142.

Alert Status

In **ALERT YELLOW** status, the following additional mitigation strategies are in place based on where virus activity is present at this time:

- As previously planned, all undergraduate courses will be in online delivery mode following the Thanksgiving Break.
- Per Governor Reynolds proclamation, through November 30, those dining at dining services options will be limited to groups of 8 per table area. Utilizing available to-go options is highly encouraged.
- Groups planning programming should consider using virtual and/or outdoor 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. Per Governor Reynold's most recent proclamation, indoor gatherings are capped at 15 participants, and outdoor events at 30 participants through December 10, 2020.
- Common area rec rooms will continue to operate at 50% capacity (capped at a maximum of 15 persons) at Beckman, Binz, and Rohlman Halls to help reduce the number of large group gathering areas and reduce contact with common surfaces. Virtual and outdoor programming will be emphasized, and 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, including 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 recently 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.

- 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.
- Per Governor Reynold's recent proclamation, Youth and Adult group sporting and recreation gatherings are prohibited through December 10, 2020, except for high school, college, and professional sports. Individual sporting and recreation activities are not prohibited
- 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>

We've got this, Duhawks! Good luck on exams! #LorasTogether

Have a great week.

Thank you,
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