Dear students and colleagues:

It’s been almost a year since COVID-19 altered our world, and I’m sure many of you are experiencing pandemic fatigue. Sometimes, it feels as if COVID-19 will never end, and we’ll never get back to the best parts of our old traditions. But I assure you there is a light at the end of the tunnel. UW-La Crosse is hoping and preparing for a much more traditional fall semester, and we need your help to make that happen.

Here’s what fall 2021 could look like:

- A vast majority of undergraduate courses (up to 95%) held in-person
- A restored sense of belonging and community in our residence halls
- A more robust complement of campus dining options
- A return to live arts and entertainment, including music and theatre
- An active in-person rec. and intramural sports schedule
- A large number of choices for in-person student orgs, events and activities
- A chance to study and hang-out with friends — and not just virtually
- An overall renewal of the connections and traditions that make UWL so special

None of this is guaranteed. But here’s how you can help make it happen:

- Continue following health and safety guidelines: mask, distance, wash your hands
- Continue adhering to campus testing policies
- Get vaccinated when you’re able and eligible

I’m so proud of the way our students, staff and faculty have persevered through this difficult year. I’m looking forward to a time, in the not-so-distant future, when we can come together and regain a sense of normalcy. It’s up to us to make those brighter days a reality. Thanks for all you’re doing!

Best wishes,

Joe

Joe Gow, Chancellor
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