

Important Update on Campus COVID-19 Status

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Greetings colleagues,

In recent days, La Crosse county has reported high numbers of new COVID-19 cases and the county health department moved our community from the “high risk” (orange) category to “SEVERE” (red). Due to this concerning change in status, the Executive Policy Group and the COVID-19 Emergency Response Planning Taskforce have determined that it is appropriate to move campus back to essential personnel only. As long as our region is labeled in this SEVERE category, we will be recommending campus be limited to essential personnel only.

Those of us who were working remotely before June 1 are being asked again to work remotely. Your card access will remain active in order to allow you to retrieve any items you may have brought back to your workspaces. The one exception to this call to work remotely is virtual START – because this effort is underway, we have reviewed the safety measures in place for those who cannot do their part remotely and will allow them to continue as needed.

We continue to update the [COVID-19 website](#) with new updates, including information related to fall planning. We will be including a reference to those updates in the weekly Campus Connection to help the campus community monitor information as it is made public.

As a campus community, we depend on all of our students, faculty and staff to exercise care for their own health and the health of others in our community, especially those who are more vulnerable to infectious diseases. Our planning workgroups continue to meet regularly to evaluate the risks to UWL and consider contingency plans. Please continue to monitor your email, the COVID-19 website and the Campus Connection for updates.

Thanks so much,

Joe

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