

## Testing and Isolation/Quarantine Information sent to residential students

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Colleagues,

This message was sent to residential students regarding testing and quarantine. This is being shared with you on behalf of Director of Residence Life, Jenni Brundage.

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Hello Eagles,

We have received several questions about COVID testing and quarantine/isolation. We hope the information below will help you understand what will be expected of you and what you can expect from us as you arrive to campus.

### **CAMPUS COVID TESTING**

UWL has established a COVID-19 testing plan to identify the infection and keep it from spreading within our campus community. Testing will be available at several campus sites and will be free to students who meet testing criteria. We are committed to testing all students with symptoms concerning for COVID-19, their close contacts, and an expanded testing program for screening of asymptomatic residence hall students. Your first screening test will occur soon after move in and you may be required to screen as often as 12 times per semester.

### **QUARANTINE/ISOLATION**

Students living in the residence halls may be required by medical/health agency staff to self-isolate or quarantine. The determination for self-isolation/quarantine will be based on results from the testing, self-reported information received from individuals, and/or the UWL COVID Disease Investigation Team due to close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive.

We want to make sure everyone understands the difference in how we will be using the terms isolation and quarantine as they apply to residential students:

#### **Isolation**

If a resident tests positive for COVID-19 or is demonstrating symptoms and have yet to receive a positive test, they must isolate, for at least 10 days, until they are cleared by the UWL COVID Disease Investigation Team to return to their residence hall.

## **Quarantine?**

If a resident has come in close contact with someone who tested positive they must quarantine, for at least 14 days, until they are cleared by the UWL COVID Disease Investigation Team to return to their residence hall. Roommates of students who test positive will automatically be moved to quarantine housing.

If a student is required to self-isolate/quarantine, a member of the Residence Life staff will be in contact with them. The student will be encouraged to go home for the designated period of time, if it is safe and possible to do so. If that is not possible, residence life will provide a space either on campus (Wentz Hall) or at a local hotel.

The student will have a 2 hour window to gather belongings and check into their assigned space. Students should NOT pack their entire room to move to the isolation/quarantine space. Students SHOULD pack 10-14 days worth of clothing/belongings, bedding and towels (Wentz Hall only), a pillow, medication, masks, laptop/tablet/cell phone and chargers, bathroom supplies, textbooks, snacks.

Students will be given detailed instructions about what it means to be in isolation/quarantine and the expectations they are required to follow as well as contact information for a residence life staff member. Meals will be provided while they are in isolation/quarantine, regardless of location. (Students will have access to microwaves to warm food.) Additionally, university staff will be in daily communication with the student to monitor symptoms and maintain support.

If a student is assigned to a local hotel, they will be expected to follow all university policies and expectations. If a student does not have a vehicle to get to the hotel, or is demonstrating symptoms that would impede them from driving themselves, the student will be transported to the hotel. No fees will be incurred by the student for the cost of the hotel room, meal deliveries from university dining, or transport to the hotel, however, incidental purchases and damage to the hotel will be billed directly to the student.

To best prepare for self-isolation/quarantine, we encourage you to think about the packing needs listed above. Consider how/what will make your stay most comfortable and how you could quickly gather that to move over to the newly assigned space. Your ability to receive items while in isolation/quarantine (food delivery from restaurants/EatStreets, supplies, medicine, etc.) will be limited. Also, we ask that you set up and keep clear the voicemail on your cell phone. In the event that you need to be contacted by university staff, we need to be able to leave a message if you are unavailable to accept the call. Our expectation is that you return our call as soon as possible.

Please review our [FAQ page](#) for more information about isolation/quarantine. If you have additional questions, please email [housing@uwlax.edu](mailto:housing@uwlax.edu).

We look forward to seeing you next week!  
Jenni Brundage



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