

## UWL dashboard, Coate Hall shelter-in-place

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Students, Faculty and Staff of UWL,

As we close the first week of the fall semester, we are getting a clearer picture of the effectiveness of our health and safety guidelines and the spread of COVID-19 on our campus.

Today, we are releasing a COVID-19 dashboard where you can find the latest information about testing, positive cases and isolation/quarantine space on our campus - <https://www.uwlax.edu/info/covid-19/dashboard/>. The dashboard is updated daily after 4:30 p.m. with data from our Student Health Center and Residence Life; data that is also reported to UW System.

While the data there reflects reporting as of yesterday afternoon, we have become aware today of a surge in positive test results that are not yet reflected in the dashboard. **As a result of this surge in cases, we are calling for a “shelter in place” for Coate Hall effective immediately. Coate Hall residence will receive more information from Residence Life shortly.** We will also activate the RAVE alert system to draw their attention to that email quickly.

While we have gone to great lengths to keep our campus community safe, and while we trust that a large number of students are acting responsibly, we are alarmed by how quickly our resources are being stressed. We continue to field reports of large gatherings, folks failing to follow mask and distancing guidelines, and students choosing to dismiss quarantine and isolation instructions. This has led to a surge of COVID-19 cases on campus. This threatens the wellbeing of everyone in our broader community, especially those who are at risk.

We’ve seen this play out at universities across the country. If we don’t reverse these dangerous behaviors, and if we don’t begin holding our friends and neighbors accountable, this semester will end like the last one did: online. We also know this issue is not unique to UWL. But this is an honest assessment of our current reality.

We love serving and interacting with our students, and we know you love being a part of our campus community. If you didn’t, you wouldn’t be here. No one wants to see our courses move entirely online — or worse, students forced to pack up and head home mid-semester. One time was one too many. It’s incumbent upon all of us to look out for not only ourselves, but everyone around us. That’s the only way this semester will work.

On behalf of the co-leads of the COVID Response Team,

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Thanks so much,



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