

## Surging COVID cases in the La Crosse area

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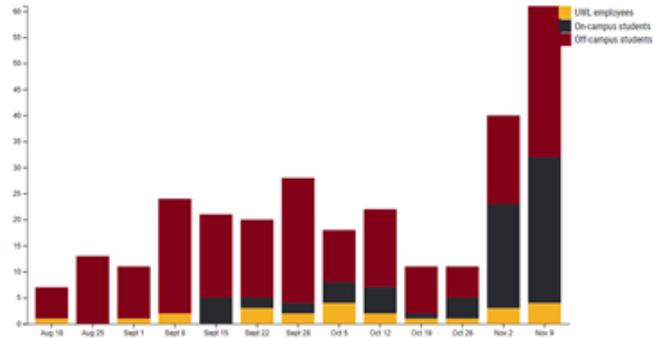
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To: University Marketing & Communications <ucomm@uwlax.edu>

UWL students, faculty and staff,

The Executive Policy Group would like to draw your attention to the COVID dashboard. <https://www.uwlax.edu/info/covid-19/dashboard/>

There is an alarming increase of COVID-19 cases both in the larger La Crosse community and at UWL. We are deeply concerned at this and ask that you approach your daily activities with even greater caution and vigilance.



A vast majority of us have done our part and gotten vaccinated. Thank you! Being vaccinated reduces our chances of catching and transmitting the virus, and we seem to be well protected from severe illness. However, we have seen with the highly contagious Delta variant that being vaccinated does not mean it's impossible for you to get COVID and spread it to those around you.

PLEASE join us in protecting one another and our surrounding community by doing these things:

- **Face-coverings are required indoors through Jan. 21 and recommended outdoors.**  
UWL's indoor mask requirement is being extended through the end of J-term/Winter Intersession. We expect everyone to wear your face covering properly, covering both the mouth and the nostrils.
- **Start getting tested regularly.** *We strongly recommend that ALL students, faculty and staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, begin doing regular testing, starting now before Thanksgiving, and continuing through the winter holiday season.*  
We understand there is some hesitation around testing – if you test positive, you'll be asked to isolate and many of us want so badly to avoid that. But testing is the best way for us to make informed decisions as a community. This information enables us to take care of one another, and that is what we need to do in this moment. It was this time last year that we started to see a surge in cases. Let's get ahead of this now, Eagles; go get tested.
- **If you have ANY symptoms, stay home.** *We ask everyone with even the mildest symptoms to limit your activity right away. (But do go get tested.)*  
Our contact tracing team is hearing a lot of "I thought it was just a cold so I went to class" (or work, or an activity). Remember, the more people you come in contact with, the more lives you are potentially disrupting if you turn out to be ill. For the sake of those around you, please limit your activity and wear your face covering appropriately.
- **Consider getting vaccinated (or boosted)**  
If you haven't yet done so, the next [walk-in vaccination clinic on campus runs Monday- Wednesday, noon-4 p.m.](#) (Don't forget to bring your card, if you already have one.)

*Pediatric doses (for ages 5-11) WILL be available at this vaccination clinic.*

Thanks so much,



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