



January 22, 2021

Dear Hiram Community,

We are excited to have everyone back and hope you are settling into the first week of spring semester nicely.

As we did last semester, we will send updates to the community to make sure you have or know where to get the most up to date information.

### ***Campus Dashboard***

The campus advisory system and dashboard is up to date. The dashboard has information about our alert level, testing information, and positivity rate for campus.

### ***Spring Plans 2021***

The website has been update for the Spring 2021 plans. This site houses guidelines, announcements, emails, campus notices or zoom sessions, all related Spring semester plans and protocols.

### ***Prevalence Testing***

As a reminder, the State of Ohio is requiring prevalence testing for campus and this will begin the week of Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. Enhanced surveillance of athletes in practices will begin the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you receive an email that you have been randomly selected for prevalence testing, please call the health center as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

### ***COVID Vaccine Question***

Some have asked if they need to wear a mask after they receive the vaccine. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide in real-world conditions before making that decision. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using **all the tools** available to help stop this pandemic. To protect yourself and others, follow these recommendations:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often

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