

Lancers,

At the end of the first week of classes, I'd like to give a quick update on a few fronts. Every day I am heartened to walk down Brock Commons and see students, faculty, and staff wearing face coverings both inside and out, and maintaining social distance. We've had a small handful of reports of non-compliance and are responding to those appropriately, but overwhelmingly Lancers are taking the guidelines seriously. It matters tremendously that we keep up these habits through this second weekend on campus and going forward.

### Test reporting dashboard

I know it might be surprising to look at our [Covid-19 dashboard](#) that we update every evening and see that we have had, as of writing this email, no positive student tests returned to the University Health Center. We are conducting tests daily on students and staff who need them, and while we are pleased so far, we know it's inevitable that we will have positive test results here on campus and are prepared.

As expected, we continue working to monitor and support some students in quarantine or isolation. In some cases this may be just for a day or two while they await test results for themselves or a possible contact exposure; in others it may be as long as two weeks. For both legal privacy reasons and for the important public health consideration of reassuring students their privacy will be respected, we are not publishing detailed information about those in quarantine or isolation. However, we are committed to keeping the community updated on the overall public health situation, and I can share with you for perspective as of this writing we have three such students in on-campus housing and a dozen off-campus, either in local housing or still at their permanent residence. These numbers will fluctuate. Academic support staff, the Health Center and other support resources are in constant communication with such students, ensuring meal delivery for those on campus, health checks and academic continuity.

We've added a link to the [VDH daily updates](#) on our dashboard so that the entire community can more easily get an accurate picture of what's happening in the Piedmont District and Prince Edward County. As always, if you experience any symptoms or have any concerns you may have been contact exposed, please call the Health Center 434-395-1962 for assessment and testing if needed.

### Emergency communications & Fire drills

There is a fire drill scheduled for Sunday in on-campus residence halls. Please follow guidance for evacuating your residence hall during the drill.

Please take this opportunity to [log into your Omnilert account](#) and make sure your cell phone number is included in your profile. This means you'll get text alerts in the case of an emergency. If

you've never logged in before, your username is your LancerNet ID, and you can click "forgot password" to reset it.

Stay healthy,

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