

Longwood community,

This afternoon, Gov. Northam announced a series of additional steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 across the Commonwealth. These steps include:

- reducing the maximum of people allowed to gather for social gatherings to 10
- asking Virginians to stay home between midnight and 5 a.m.
- asking Virginians to wear masks in any indoor setting besides their homes and individual office spaces.

The Governor noted these announcements do not change the guidance already in place for K-12 or higher education, including classroom settings. The new face covering guidance aligns with what is already in place on campus. However, it is important to be aware of these new limitation on social gatherings, particularly in this season when we are accustomed to holiday events. As with so much, we look forward to a return to such occasions, but this is not the time for them.

Thanks to hard work and commitment, we are moving toward the close of a successful semester. We will remain vigilant, and plan to continue the precautions that served us well this fall. We will continue to be in touch over these next weeks with updates and further info as we prepare for the next stages of the academic year.

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