

Longwood community,

With the Fall 2020 semester complete, I want to first congratulate the entire community for a job well done. As we look toward the Spring semester, we will open as scheduled, with graduate classes beginning Jan. 8 and undergraduate classes beginning Jan. 13.

While we are certainly hopeful conditions around Virginia and the nation will improve over the months ahead, as we return the precautions and practices that have served us well this past semester will remain in place. Later this month, more specific guidance will be shared with students about returning to campus and public health precautions next semester. Until then, a few general items to share:

Dashboard

The last Covid-19 daily update for the fall semester will be Dec. 17, when the university closes for Winter Break. We will restart daily updates when the university opens on Jan. 4. Of course, if there are any urgent public health matters to communicate to the campus community while the university is closed we will do so.

Health Precautions and Testing

We encourage every member of the Longwood community to continue to conduct daily screening questions, wash hands regularly, wear a face covering, and maintain social distance over the break.

The University Health Center is closed from Dec. 18-Jan. 3. During that time, if you need or want to be tested for Covid-19,, you should call your provider or urgent care clinic to ensure they are testing patients with your symptoms or conducting peace-of-mind tests. The FDA has also [authorized an over-the-counter Covid-19 test](#) you will be able to purchase at drug stores. If the test is unavailable in your drug store, you can use the [LabCorp Pixel website](#) to order.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season.

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