

Longwood community,

With no classes scheduled Monday, I wanted to touch base with a few grab-bag items you should be aware of heading into this weekend:

Covid-19

The good news is that our numbers on campus remain stable, active cases in the state have been decreasing, and vaccination rates are on the rise.

However, several nearby colleges and universities are not in the same situation. In fact, several campuses in the Commonwealth have extremely high case numbers. As we head into the weekend, please maintain vigilance and follow the guidelines that keep our numbers low. Please take special care if you are traveling. Just a few people in our community making poor choices can quickly impact the rest of campus, so even though you've read the words a hundred times, wash your hands, wear your mask, and keep your distance.

Yesterday Gov. Northam announced an increase in the statewide limit for outdoor gatherings from 10 to 25 people, effective next Monday, March 1. This reflects the broad understanding that Covid-19 spreads much more easily indoors than outdoors. However, the indoor limit will remain 10 people. Within the Longwood community all other guidelines and precautions will remain in place at this time.

We remain hopeful that with careful planning we will be able to hold some smaller-scale in-person events on campus this Spring tied to some of our campus traditions. As I have information about those events, I'll let you know.

You may have seen
[Hiner/Coyner AC Work](#)

Because of the ongoing work to replace chillers on Hiner and Coyner, Lancer Card Center will be closed to in-person business from Feb. 26-March 2. Staff will still respond to emails at lancercard@longwood.edu and students can check balances or add money online at lancercard.longwood.edu.

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