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D&E Students:

We have now passed the 50% point of the semester. To date, we have had six students and two employees test positive for COVID-19 with all but one asymptomatic. The strict COVID protocols put in place are working thus far. However, an outbreak remains a possibility as soon as we become complacent and don't wear facial coverings, socially distance and wash hands. Also, large gatherings such as parties and off-campus travel put the entire campus at risk.

I am noticing increasing numbers of students not wearing facial coverings beyond your personal space. The wearing of masks is not voluntary. **Compliance with the COVID-19 protocols, including facial coverings, is mandatory for all students, faculty, and staff, as well as any approved guests on campus.** This is for the protection of us all, and to increase the likelihood that we can complete the entire semester remaining on campus. Students are reminded they are subject to a disciplinary process when not in compliance. I ask that each of you adhere to the rules for your own safety and out of consideration of others.

Best wishes,

Chris A. Wood  
President