

Monday, Sept. 21, 2020

Dear Huskies,

Thank you for taking the quarantine so seriously for yourself and other student residents of the Oaks. We have some early good news.

Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) has tested nearly 50% of all students residing in The Oaks following our decision to place students in quarantine. We are very happy to report that early results of this additional round of tests indicate that we have **reduced the spread of the disease by more than half**.

More than half. This reduction not only indicates the excellent partnership between the Eastern Highlands Health District and Student Health and Wellness that led to the quarantine, but it reflects **your own excellence in following quarantine restrictions**.

We know it's not easy. We know it asks a lot of you to keep yourself, UConn, and the greater Storrs community safe from the spread of this virus. Thank you.

Don't stop now. In the coming week, the remaining 50% of Oaks residents will be contacted regarding additional testing. **Please be sure to follow those instructions from SHaW and continue to observe quarantine restrictions**. Pending those results, we will be able to determine when to lift the quarantine for the Oaks.

I remind you that the spread of COVID-19 at UConn is up to us to control. We have consistently reported low infection rates of around 1% in our residential community and we are confident in the continued efforts of the Oaks residents. Remember, spread occurs at UConn among those who are **not consistently wearing masks and not keeping 6 feet of distance from one another**.

A couple of reminders:

- **Medical Clearance**: Any student who is in isolation needs to be medically cleared by SHaW. Students in quarantine may re-enter the campus community when they reach the end of their quarantine period. No clearance is necessary. We will notify you by email when the Oaks residential quarantine is lifted.
- **Community**: Student Affairs has done incredible work building safe and healthy ways to connect virtually and in-person as a community. Please continue to refer to the [uKindness](#) site for virtual ways to stay connected during quarantine.
- **Testing**: Surveillance testing is available at our Field House location at the North Entrance. Please schedule your testing appointment through the [patient portal](#) when contacted by SHaW.

- Address information: It is important that we have your current local address. Please [update](#) your “current address” field with your Storrs/Mansfield address if you have not already done so.

Be safe. Be well. Let’s flatten the curve.

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