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Dear Students,

You may be watching the news and seeing that the coronavirus delta variant continues to make its way through our county, state and country. As we navigate this together, we must continue to put our health and those around us first as we live our lives in community together.

The following points of information will assist you as we move further into the semester, focusing on God and trusting in Him while also making sure we are taking precautions for the good of ourselves and others.

What can I do now to prevent the possible spread of the Covid-19 on our campus and in my community?

- *Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.*
- *Wear a mask when you are in close proximity to others, especially in large group settings.*
- *Get vaccinated. Research and data shows the vaccine drastically decreases the ability of Covid-19 to spread and limits its effects on those small numbers of people who have the vaccine and get Covid.*

What are some symptoms of Covid-19 that I should be looking for?

- *Fever, dry cough, tiredness among others. If you have one or more of these symptoms, you should get tested. If Covid is detected, follow the bulleted points within the “quarantine/isolation” policy listed below.*

What should I do if I have been in contact with someone who has tested positive?

- *Quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19 for 10-14 days after last contact, unless you have been fully vaccinated.*
- *People who are **fully vaccinated** do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.*
- *People who are **not fully vaccinated** must monitor symptoms for 14 days, quarantine for 10 days without testing, or must quarantine for 7 days with a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later).*

What is the policy I must follow if I need to quarantine/isolate?

- *Residential students may stay within their housing unit and:*
 - *Notify Student Affairs of this need to quarantine as well as roommates.*
 - *Request the virtual classroom link from your professor.*
 - *Fill out the dining hall meal form.*

- *Stay in a separate room from other household members, if possible.*
- *-or-*
 - *Move off campus during your quarantine/isolation period.*
 - *Notify a Student Affairs staff member of this election.*
 - *Request the virtual classroom link from your professor.*
- *Commuting students must:*
 - *Notify Student Affairs of this need to quarantine.*
 - *Request the virtual classroom link from your professor.*

Again, your health and the health of our community will continue to be our number one priority. Please reach out to Student Affairs with further questions.

Sincerely,



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