During the COVID-19 pandemic, the following information will be used to determine a safe level of campus operation and community living.

Ongoing University Practices at All Levels:

- Campus members assess health daily and remain home/in dorm if feeling ill
- Non-vaccinated members of the community should consider wearing a face covering when physical distancing is not possible
- Increased cleaning protocols
- Sanitation stations available across campus

General Triggers for Level Changes:

- National, state, and local guidance
- Number of positive cases and/or percentage of absenteeism
- Capacity for isolation and quarantine care
- Community member support and compliance with health guidance

GREEN – Low Risk

What Does This Mean?

Prevalence of the virus is low, underlying COVID-19 threat remains.

(the following metrics are considered)

- Few/no active university cases
- Minimal cases in local counties

Actions to Consider:

 Those exhibiting symptoms or identified as close contacts must follow protocols for quarantine/isolation and testing

BLUE – Low Risk, Increased Readiness

What Does This Mean?

Virus prevalence is low, with decreasing infection rates.

(the following metrics are considered)

- Minimal active university cases (likely fewer than 10)
- Minimal cases in local counties
- Regional or state trends indicate a lessening in infection rates

Actions to Consider:

(in addition to previous level actions – face coverings recommended or required in some instances, daily self-assessment, responsive quarantine/isolation and testing)

- Students testing positive for COVID-19 isolate at home when possible, and on campus in designated spaces if necessary
- Employees testing positive for COVID-19 isolate at home
- Quarantine and isolation housing spaces are readied for needed student situations
- Specific campus areas are reviewed for possible reductions/closures

YELLOW - Moderate Risk

What Does This Mean?

Virus prevalence is moderate at the university and/or in local counties.

(the following metrics are considered)

- A moderate number of active university cases (likely within the range of 10 20)
- A university viral cluster is identified (i.e. a greater than expected number of cases is occurring within a group over a defined period)
- A moderate level of university absenteeism
- An increase in cases in local counties and/or increase in state infection rates

Actions to Consider:

(in addition to previous level actions – face coverings recommended or required in some instances, daily self-assessment, responsive quarantine/isolation and testing)

- In-person extra-curricular gatherings may be limited to those wearing a face covering
- Additional distancing measures for students in a cluster group (may include quarantine and remote learning)
- Testing may be required among a cluster group
- The presence of outside guests is limited in accordance with state and local guidance

ORANGE – High Risk

What Does This Mean?

Virus prevalence is significant at the university and/or in local counties.

(the following metrics are considered)

- A significant number of active university cases (likely with the range of 20 50)
- Evidence of community spread at the university (i.e. significant infection rates without a clear explanation for the spread)
- A significant level of university absenteeism
- University quarantine and isolation spaces are near capacity
- An increase in cases in local counties and/or increase in state infection rates

Actions to Consider:

(in addition to previous level actions – face coverings recommended or required in some instances, daily self-assessment, responsive quarantine/isolation and testing)

- Academic instruction may continue in person or move to a hybrid model
- Food service may be pick-up only
- Chapel may move to a virtual format
- Few/no in-person extra-curricular gatherings (i.e. postpone/move virtual events, meetings, group hangouts of 5+, etc.)
- Essential travel only (i.e. no dine in at restaurants, visit off campus homes, etc.)
- Athletics, minimal/no fans at games and smaller/suspended practice sessions
- Local students may be asked to return home to reduce density in campus housing
- Replace in-person meetings with video or tele-conference calls
- Work from home may be implemented for employees when possible
- Outside guests are not allowed in campus buildings

RED – Severe Risk

What Does This Mean?

Virus prevalence is high at the university and/or in local counties.

(the following metrics are considered)

- A high number of active university cases (likely more 30)
- Evidence of community spread at the university (i.e. significant infection rates without a clear explanation for the spread)
- University cases exceed the ability to care for quarantine and isolation needs
- An increase in cases in local counties and/or increase in state infection rates
- National, state or local health officials/agencies advise or issue a Stay at Home order

Actions to Consider:

- Academic instruction moves to a fully virtual format
- Students return home (except in needed/approved circumstances)
- Campus personnel work from home
- Outside guests not permitted on campus

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