Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

Current status

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- As of yesterday afternoon, there were 100 students in quarantine or isolation. This compares with 255 last week at this time.

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Information in response to questions frequently asked by students has been added to the Ready & Resilient website here.

Please continue to properly wear a mask at all times, even when outdoors.

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Information about the faculty and staff flu clinics can be found on the Faculty Staff Wellness Clinic website.

Final community town hall this Friday

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Testing, contact tracing and quarantine

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- COVID-19 testing on- and off-campus
- Contact tracing and notification (including the distinction between "close personal contacts" and "expanded contacts")
- Processes and protocols for isolation and quarantine, when required by the health department.

Information about students who are unable to attend class in person because they are required by the health department to quarantine is sent directly to faculty members by the Office of the Dean of Students. Faculty or staff with questions about a student report that they are in mandatory quarantine, should email StudentConcerns@elon.edu.

Individuals do not need to isolate or quarantine unless you are symptomatic or instructed to do so by a medical provider, the health department, or Student Care and Outreach. If students have any concerns or questions about symptoms or possible exposure, contact university physician, Dr. Ginette Archinal at garchinal@elon.edu.

What to do if you feel ill

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Sources of information

For more information about COVID-19 and the university response, visit the Elon Ready & Resilient website; the COVID-19 dashboard, which includes links to federal, state, and regional data sources; and the Today at Elon news and information website.

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Please see below for a message that was sent to students earlier today.

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The next weekly COVID-19 update will be sent to all students, faculty and staff at 10:45 a.m. next Wednesday, October 14, unless an earlier message is warranted.

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Dr. Jon Dooley
Vice President for Student Life