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

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Current status

• Elon’s current alert level is "Level 1 – Moderate Alert" on the Elon COVID-19 Dashboard.

• Since last week's email update, Elon has received only one new report of a PCR-confirmed case of COVID-19 among students and employees.

• As of yesterday afternoon, there were an estimated total of 7 active cases, with 9 students in quarantine or isolation.

• Since the beginning of January the university has conducted more than 93,000 tests through the regular weekly testing program (monthly for employees) with an overall positivity rate of 0.36 percent. Special thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who have made this testing program possible.

• 75% of the campus has reported receiving at least one dose of the vaccine; this includes 78% of undergraduate students and 71% of faculty and staff.

Planning for summer and fall

After a year of in-person living and learning on campus, we look forward to summer and next academic year with significantly eased restrictions and a continued focus on the health and well-being of the community. A new infographic on the Ready & Resilient website gives a brief indication of what to expect as we move into summer and fall. Planning will continue and more details will be shared with the community over the course of the summer.

Important April 30 updates from the Ready & Resilient Committee

The university Ready & Resilient Committee sent a message to the community on April 30 (archived online here) containing a number of important updates:

• Under the updated university Face Covering Policy, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks outdoors, except in crowded settings and venues where physical distancing is not being practiced.

• Elon will offer walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations in the Koury Athletics Concourse (outside Alumni Gym) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 5; Thursday, May 6; and Monday, May 10. No appointments are necessary for this free vaccination clinic.

• Testing and quarantine exemptions have been extended for those who have uploaded their vaccination records. Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, students, faculty and staff who are fully vaccinated (two weeks past their final dose) and have uploaded their vaccination records will be exempt from testing for the remainder of Spring Semester and through the end of Summer Session II (July 31, 2021). The university vaccine information page can be found online here. For information about the testing and quarantine exemptions available to those who are fully vaccinated, view the information available here. Here are instructions for uploading your documentation via mobile or desktop.

• Starting next Wednesday, May 12, the university testing site will relocate from Alumni Gym to McCoy Commons 207 in the Oaks residential neighborhood. The testing site will maintain the regular schedule (Monday–Friday, 8:30-12:00, 12:45-3:45) through Tuesday, May 18 and will be open afternoons (12:45-3:45) May 19 and 20. No appointment is needed starting Wednesday, May 12 for those interested in pre-departure testing. Graduates are encouraged to get tested before friends and family arrive for Commencement ceremonies.

Wellness moment and Chaplain’s reflection

As we approach the end of the term, there are several deadlines, exams and closing events. It’s an important time to gather your thoughts and prioritize your work and commitments. Maximize your brain space by putting your thoughts and worries out of your head and down on paper. Some strategies include making a list of deadlines and meetings, journaling and prioritizing what you’re going to tackle first on your to-do list.

University Chaplain Jan Fuller’s weekly reflection is offered to help us in our search for meaning during this challenging time — this week’s reflection, “Perfection Redefined” can be found here on the Truth Center blog.

Information is updated regularly on the Elon Ready & Resilient website. The next weekly COVID-19 update will be sent to all students, faculty and staff at 10:45 a.m. next Wednesday, May 12, unless an earlier message is warranted.

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