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Update on recent COVID Case increase 1.27.2023

Dear Students,

We hope you are doing well as you settle into your classes for the Spring semester. Our teams have been monitoring a recent increase in COVID-19 cases since January 21 on our campus. Throughout the pandemic, we have successfully navigated through surges on our campus, through our shared values around communal care and overall community health.

As we maneuver through this most recent uptick in cases, we wish to remind students that maskwearing is one of the most protective measures one can take for the health of oneself and the larger L&C community. In addition, we strongly encourage you to continue to self-monitor for <u>COVID-19</u> <u>symptoms</u> and isolate and <u>test</u> if you become symptomatic. If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, we highly encourage you to review the <u>What Do I Do Now</u> webpage with further instructions and resources when enacting your personal COVID Safety plan. Our continued diligence around COVID-19 mitigation strategies will be imperative as we have few isolation beds for high-risk individuals due to the Stewart and Odell renovations.

Finally, staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines helps protect against severe illness and reduce community spread. We strongly encourage community members to stay fully up-to-date with their COVID vaccines by receiving all booster doses recommended for their age group by the <u>CDC</u>. On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, there will be an on-campus vaccine clinic for the new bivalent COVId-19 boosters. Please review the <u>Health Services website</u> for more information about scheduling your appointment, necessary documentation, and more. If you are unable to attend the clinic on February 7, 2023, or would like to make an appointment off-campus, click <u>here</u> to find a vaccination site near you.

Thank you for continuing to do everything you can to keep our community healthy and vibrant. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact <u>covid19info@lclark.edu</u>.

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