Dear UWRF Student,

Fall semester is right around the corner and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival on campus. We’ve been working hard to prepare for a safe fall semester and invite you to **join** us to ensure things stay that way.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things in our world. What we’ve all learned in this crisis is that **simple acts** can make a **big difference** in whether the virus spreads or if it is contained.

We are writing with a series of recommendations for your transition to the UWRF campus this fall.

### Two weeks before you leave home
- We encourage you to **self-quarantine** at home for 14 days, or minimally limit your exposure to those outside of your immediate family, prior to your arrival date on campus. This will help avoid importing the virus to campus as much as possible.

### Assess your health
- If you are not feeling well, stay home. If you are exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms, contact your doctor. Traveling to campus if you are sick would put our community at risk.
- For those residing on campus, you can expect an email from Residence Life that includes information about alternate plans if you are not feeling well during the move-in dates. If you have any questions, please call or visit the Residence Life [website](#).
- If you will be delaying the start of classes due to illness, contact your adviser.
- Also, bring a **personal thermometer** with you to campus so that you can monitor your body temperature. Also, please bring a few **reusable face coverings**. We will provide you with a UWRF branded one, but since you’ll be wearing them often, it’ll be good to have an extra when one is in the wash.

### On your way to UW-River Falls
- If you are traveling by car, air, train, or bus, consider packing disinfecting wipes to wipe down surfaces such as chairs, seat trays, and armrests prior to use. Don’t forget to bring **hand sanitizer** with you too!
- Wear a face covering when using public transportation and when shopping, in restaurants or gas stations and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.
- If you are driving, plan out your stops and try to avoid high-risk areas, and continue to practice safe distancing and good hygiene.

### When you arrive on campus
- Wash your hands and wear your face covering! Watch for physical distancing as you start discovering campus.
- Students residing on campus will receive communication from Residence Life about what to do when you arrive. Move-in information will also be available on the Residence Life [website](#).
- All students will receive information about a comprehensive COVID-19 course available through the UWRF Canvas platform. The course will provide basic information about the virus, how you can do your part to keep our campus community safe and what resources are available to keep you and those around you as safe and healthy as possible.

*We are Falcons* and we care about each other. It’s time to **do your part Falcons**!
We know this won’t be news to you, but staying safe during the pandemic comes down to a few key things:

**WEAR**
- **Wear** a face covering – it’s the deal here at UWRF. You’ll need to wear a face covering at all times when you are indoors and outdoors any time there isn’t enough space for you to physically distance at least six feet.

**WATCH**
- **Watch** your distance – classrooms, residence halls, common areas and dining facilities will be set up with your safety in mind.

**WASH**
- **Wash** your hands and surfaces you come in contact with [often] – need we say more?

It all comes down to *living responsibly on campus, having respect* for the public health authorities who are working with us and *following recommended guidance* for engaging safely in the community.

**Be Safe**
Nothing is more important than the health, safety and well-being of our students. Fighting COVID-19 takes a team effort. We cannot be indifferent about it and must recognize that our decisions can and will impact others.

As members of the UWRF community, it is important that we each do our part to protect each other and the campus as a whole by strictly following guidelines and expectations while on and off campus.

This will be an unusual fall semester but know that we are looking forward to having you be part of Falcon Family.

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