September 15, 2020

Dear UW-River Falls Students,

Over the past 24 hours we have seen a spike in positive cases of COVID-19 on our campus, with evidence of transmission amongst students directly linked to socializing and gathering in large groups. Some UW campuses have recently had to quarantine entire residence halls or move all classes online for two weeks. I sincerely want us to avoid that, but I need every single UW-River Falls student to comply with our safety directives, both on campus and off campus:

• Wear your face covering.
• Watch your distance – staying at least 6 feet apart from others.
• Wash your hands frequently.
• Limit contact with those outside your household and keep your gatherings small.
• Don’t go to parties, bars or other establishments where safety precautions are not enforced.
• Don’t go anywhere in public if you have COVID-19 symptoms or are awaiting test results.
• If you live on campus, follow Residence Life rules and guidance.
• Follow all other UWRF safety guidance, cooperate with contact tracers and obey public health orders.

Effective immediately if you are living in, using or accessing any UWRF facilities, but are not following our safety directives, it will be considered a conduct violation. You will be subject to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including suspension or expulsion. (See Wis. Admin. Code sec. UWS 17.08(2)(b), 17.09(1) and 17.10.)

This is true whether you live on or off campus and regardless of whether the conduct violations occur off campus, in the evenings or on the weekends.

These safety directives are in force until further notice. If you know of students not complying, let us know who they are right away at https://www.uwrf.edu/ReportIt/.

For those UWRF students not engaged in any on-campus activity at this time, please note this message is being shared with you to raise awareness of the COVID-19 situation on campus.

Thank you, once again, for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Connie

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