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Dear UWRF Community,

Happy 2022! As we look forward to the start of the spring semester, I wanted you to know that we will be sharing the information below with our students. We are doing all we can to have an in-person spring semester. Also, be assured that we are monitoring health conditions closely and that safety, as always, remains our number one priority.

We continue to work with the Pierce County Public Health Department so we can return to campus safely. The most effective way to protect your health and those on campus during this pandemic is to be vaccinated and to get the booster when eligible. We will continue to offer testing and vaccines on campus. The testing center in Hagestad Hall will be open for appointments Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Schedule an appointment using this link. We are encouraging all our students to be vaccinated and boosted, as well.

I will keep you updated, and I look forward to what I know will be a productive and exciting spring semester!

Chancellor Maria Gallo

Dear Students,

I hope you are enjoying your winter break and taking advantage of time with friends and family. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to campus in just a couple of weeks.

As the Omicron variant spreads across our communities, we are doing all we can to assure that your return to campus will be as safe as possible. We will continue to monitor the pandemic and consult with our local health department, however, I want to assure you that we are planning for an in-person spring semester.

Get vaccinated and boosted.
As we plan for your return, you should as well. We encourage you to get a vaccine soon, if you have not already, and a booster shot when you are eligible which is six months after completing your primary vaccination series for both Pfizer and Moderna, or two months after receiving the J&J vaccine.

Here is a helpful link to find vaccination locations near you. We know that having the vaccine and booster is the best way to protect you from COVID-19 or reduce its impact if you develop symptoms.

Get tested.
Help us keep our campus community healthy by getting a COVID-19 test before returning for spring semester. Here are a few helpful links to find testing locations near you.

- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- U.S. locations
As in the fall, all students will be able to test on campus, as well as participate in vaccine/booster clinics when offered. A schedule of vaccine clinics and testing dates/times will be available on the Falcons Forward webpage.

**Stay informed.**
You will receive another update from me before the start of spring semester. Please check your email often and stay tuned to UWRF social media channels.

You have done a great job helping our campus stay safe and we are counting on you to continue showing this level of commitment. We all want to stop talking about vaccinations, testing and face coverings but they remain the primary strategies we have to safely continue operating in person.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to campus for spring semester. Together we will make that happen. Go Falcons!

Chancellor Maria Gallo