Dear UWRF Students,

We know that many of you are looking forward to taking some time away from campus to visit family and friends over Thanksgiving. Please take a moment to review this important information before finalizing your plans.

**Mandatory Testing Before/After Thanksgiving Break**
Taking a break from your studies is certainly well-deserved, however taking a break from COVID-19 testing is not an option if you live on campus. In order to help protect your friends, families and communities you will visit, UWRF is requiring all on-campus students to be tested between Nov. 16-24 and strongly encouraging students living off-campus to get tested that week as well if you plan to travel. Sign up for your appointment now at go.uwrf.edu/gettested.

All on-campus students will be required to be tested again after break between Nov. 30-Dec.3. You can make that appointment at the same link. If you live off-campus and travel for Thanksgiving, please get tested upon return too, especially if you plan to participate in any face-to-face classes or activities on campus after the break. Please note that the testing center will be closed Nov. 25-27.

Testing is the one sure way of knowing whether or not you are infected with the virus. Traveling to visit family while you are infected would be irresponsible and could put loved ones and others in your community at risk. Take advantage of the opportunity to get tested on campus.

**Safe Gatherings**
When gathering with friends and family members during the Thanksgiving holiday it is critically important that you stay safe and keep your gatherings small. Please also remain committed to our three W’s – Wear your mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance. See guidance from the CDC for more information regarding health and safety precautions for Thanksgiving gatherings.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**
Dining Services will be offering a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 19. I will be there serving pie from 5-7 p.m. and am looking forward to seeing those of you able to join us. The meal is available to all students with a meal plan but students without a meal plan are welcome to join us and can pay cash. Please also note, Dining Services will be closed from dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 24, through lunch on Sunday, Nov. 29 but they will continue to provide meals to students in isolation/quarantine during that time.

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Sincerely,

Connie