COVID-19 UPDATES

For the latest Information, please visit the Falcons Forward webpage.

• COVID-19 Portal Information
  • Your testing obligations will be managed through an online portal which will allow you a self-service style approach to organizing your testing schedule and retrieving information about results. Please log into your portal and click around to get familiar with its functions.

• Testing Exemption
  • Off-campus students who are completing all classes online and do not have to come to campus for any reason, may request an exception through our online portal at https://covid19.uwrf.edu/. Exception requests can be filed under the Test Obligations page. Please choose 100% online learner as your reason.

• Event and Meeting Guidelines
  o UW-River Falls remains committed to mitigating the risks associated with COVID-19, while also reviewing campus guidance and identifying restrictions that are deemed safe to relax. Based on current COVID-19 case numbers, state and county public health guidance, and the successful implementation of required testing, campus leadership has begun gradually authorizing changes to guidance and rules as requested on a case-by-case basis. Following is a summary of recently approved changes.
    o On- and Off-Campus Events and Meetings
      • It is once again possible to reserve campus spaces for in-person events and meetings that follow health and safety protocols. See the new Campus Reservations Guidelines document for further information and instructions.
      • Student organizations need to use the form at go.uwrf.edu/orgevent to request approval for both on- and off-campus events

• Look for answers to other frequently asked questions here.
EVENTS THIS WEEK
Stay up to date by downloading the CORQ app

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REMINDERS

- **UWRF Career Fair - February 17**
  - UWRF Career Services would like to invite you to participate in the Spring 2021 Virtual Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The Career Fair is open to all UWRF students and alumni.
  - The Career Fair is an excellent way for students and alumni to network with employers from a variety of organizations along with the UWRF graduate schools. Students and alumni benefit from attending by gathering information on organizations and possible job or internship opportunities and enhancing professional communications skills from speaking with company representatives. Many individuals obtain jobs or internships as a result of attending the Career Fair.
  - **Attending Organizations**
    - A full list of attending organizations can be viewed at [https://www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair/Students/AttendingOrganizations.cfm](https://www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair/Students/AttendingOrganizations.cfm)

- **Work as at OTL**
  - New Student and Family Programs is accepting applications for Orientation and Transition Leaders (OTLs) for New Student Registration and the Week of Welcome. Be one of the first faces to welcome students to campus! For more information and job description (including the required work dates), see the job
application in Handshake [https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/4385082](https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/4385082). For any other questions, email nsfp@uwrf.edu.

- **Freddy’s Dairy Bar open again**
  - Freddy’s Dairy Bar in Ag Science, second floor, is open Wednesday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. February special: Hot Chocolate Float for $5.

- **Spring Commencement**
  - We are in the process of analyzing our options for what the May 1 commencement ceremony will look like. With kudos to our commencement committee and the communications and productions teams who have put together some wonderful virtual ceremonies, we are now hoping that this spring might see us doing something that feels more like a traditional ceremony – with many health and safety protocols in place. Nothing has been finalized yet, however, and much will depend on how well we control the spread of COVID-19 in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more updates.

- **Residence Life Poll**
  - As we plan for next year, every student is invited to participate in a [Residence Life poll](mailto:reslife@uwrf.edu) that will take less than two minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous. You have the option to submit a separate form upon completing the poll to enter your name for various prizes. Students are not required to be currently living in or planning to live in the residence halls to complete the poll or be eligible for prizes. If questions, email reslife@uwrf.edu. Thank you for participating!

- **2021-2022 Housing Application Now Available**
  - The 2021-2022 housing application is now available to all current students! Check out the Residence Life webpage for the Feb. 15, 2021 message. More information about room sign-up expected in March.

### COMING UP

- **Fire Pit Fridays**
  - Last Friday’s Fire Pit Friday was cancelled due to weather. Be sure to check @uwrfgetinvolved social media channel to get the most up-to-date information.
  - Every Friday in February come hang at your personal fire pit for up to one hour. Get a crew of friends (up to six) together, bundle up, and get ready for s'mores, cocoa, and good times.
    - NO ONLINE RESERVATIONS--walk-ups only. Students must check-in with Student Involvement to reserve a pit.
    - Masks are to be always worn unless eating/drinking.
    - If it is below zero, Fire Pit Friday will be cancelled and students will be notified via social media.
• **Opt Outside: Candlelight Hike – RESCHEDULED to February 20**
  (RSVP)
  - Enjoy the beauty of winter with an on-campus candle lit hike. Explore the magic of campus by candlelight.
  - Event requires pre-registration so we can manage the number of people on the trail at any given time. Sign-up is live!
  - The event will take place from 6-9 p.m. Again, with colder temps, please tune into @uwrfgetinvolved social media to stay up to date.

• **Africa Night - Thursday, Feb. 25**
  Join the Black Student Union, Student Involvement, and the Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Office for Virtual Africa Night. Schedule of events:
  - 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Food Pickup. Sign up for a meal from a local Twin Cities Restaurant (RSVP required). Sign up will go live on Thursday, Feb. 18 at noon.
  - 6:30-7 p.m. - Black Student Union Showcase (Zoom).
  - 7-8 p.m.- Zuzu Acrobatics (Zoom).
  Africa Night is a We Are Falcons Values Series event. With all We Are Falcon's events, the first 200 students to attend and stay for the program will receive a pair of limited edition We Are Falcons Mittens.

**KEEP UP TO DATE**

• [Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging weekly email announcements](#)
• [Student Voice - campus newspaper](#)
• [Student Organization weekly newsletter](#)

**QUESTIONS or COMMENTS**

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