Hello Golden Bears! The birds are chirping, buds are appearing on trees, and flowers are just beginning to peek out from the dirt. Spring is in the air, and Golden Bears are ready to come out of hibernation! Take some time to go for a walk, hang out at a picnic table, and enjoy plenty of vitamin D from the sun—all are wonderful ways to boost your mental and physical wellbeing.

Thank you all for shifting to our Mask Ready Policy. The level of compassion, respect, and consideration for everyone’s personal level of risk has been heart-warming to see. Our case counts are steady, and we have not had any reports of serious illness or adverse outcomes.

Below are important COVID-19 updates from the CDC and WNE policy updates.

**WNE Policy Updates**

**Policies in Review**
The following policies are in the process of being edited, and final revisions are expected to be shared with the community next week:

- COVID-19 Contractor and Vendor Safety Protocol
- Guest Registration Policy

**REVISED: Student Athletes Spring Semester Testing Policy**
Based on conference policy changes, community transmission levels, and WNE case counts, the following policies will be **effective on Monday, April 11, 2022**:

1. **All SPRING** student athletes during their competition season, and **FALL** sports student athletes in training, regardless of their vaccination status, are required to be tested. Testing frequency will **decrease to once a week**.
   a. Testing will be on Mondays in Health Services from 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
2. Appointments are not needed, and there is no out-of-pocket cost to faculty, staff, or students.
3. Outcomes will be monitored, and the policy will be reassessed after two weeks.

**REMINDER:** All exempted or partially-vaccinated student athletes must continue with weekly testing during their off-season throughout the semester.
CDC Updates
COVID-19 Boosters
On April 1, 2022, the CDC provided updates and changes to the recommendations on booster shots. (Link: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html)

WNE is conducting a review of these new guidelines and the scientific evidence supporting the recommendations. We anticipate providing an update to the campus community next week.

Upcoming Booster Clinics at WNE
Are you up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines? Friday is Booster Day at WNE! Upcoming booster clinics are:

- April 8, 2022—Pfizer
- April 15, 2022—Moderna
- April 22, 2022—Janssen (J&J)
- April 29, 2022—Pfizer

All clinics are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and scheduling is easy! Use the link below to self-schedule your appointment.


Respectfully,

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