



HEALTHY TOGETHER

The spring semester is off to a remarkably normal start despite the many complications caused by the extraordinary surge in COVID cases. This is the fourth semester in a row that has required special COVID protocols, and we are benefitting from past experiences and a better understanding of how to move forward despite this unpredictable virus. While the recent turn of events is frustrating, we expect this wave to recede in coming weeks. Meanwhile, we can thrive together if we approach each day and each other with patience, grace and goodwill. And we can be optimistic that things will soon be better.

If you are uncertain about current testing protocols, please review [here](#).

We urge you to get vaccinated and, when eligible, to receive a booster, even if you have previously had a COVID infection. This continues as the recommendation of major medical and public health experts.

A vaccine / booster clinic will be held on campus Friday, Jan. 14.

REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINE

Campus athletic events and other major gatherings will remain open to the public for the time being. All events require face masks/ no food or drink will be allowed in these athletic or cultural events in order to ensure that masks stay correctly in place during these gatherings. We are excited to keep our events open at this time, but therefore need to be strict about this protocol.

D.S. check out our newest campus resident...



COVID BY THE NUMBERS

BERRY:

Widespread cases, lessened severity in most cases / **Orange** level of risk.

Students: 4% vaccinated/ 30% boosted

Faculty: 9% vaccinated/ 73% boosted

Staff: 5% vaccinated/ 51% boosted

Overall, from Dec. 27 to Jan. 12 273 students out of 2,102 reported positive tests with 195 of them symptomatic at testing.

Return to campus testing events (Jan. 2-9):

7% of students (*9 of 1,014) tested positive on campus, (54 of *9) were vaccinated
 7% of employees (32 of 4, ,) tested positive/ (27 of 32) were vaccinated

105 of active cases on campus

ROME/FLOYD COUNTY:

Rapidly Growing / **Red** level of risk.

44% of residents fully vaccinated

140 COVID cases in Floyd and Redmond hospitals.

Compared to 20 on Dec. 7 and 207 on Sept. ,

44% positive tests in last 14 days (twice as high as fall 2021 peaks)

Compared to 3% in GA overall

Compared to 5% in Rome/Floyd Co. on Dec. 7 and 27% on Sept. ,

2,590/100,000 new COVID cases in the last 14 days

Compared to 2,027/100,000 in GA overall

Compared to 151/100,000 in Rome/Floyd Co. on Dec. 7 and 1,371/100,000 on Sept. ,

Viking Weekend Jan. 14-16

<p style="text-align: center;">Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KCAB Movie Night "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"</u> 10:00 pm Krannert Ballroom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KCAB Game Night with OIT</u> 8:00-10:00 pm Krannert Ballroom</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Athletics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Men and Women's Swim @ 5pm Women's Basketball vs Centre @ 6pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Men and Women's Swim @ 9am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women's Basketball vs Sewanee @ 1pm Men's Basketball vs Sewanee @ 3pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Krave the Rave</u> <u>Res Life Signature Program</u> 10:00 pm Dana Hall Gameroom</p>

If you have any COVID-related questions, send an email to

covid-19questions@berry.edu. Our staff will get back to you in a timely manner.