



Star party at Berry's Pew Observatory.

HEALTHY TOGETHER

Spring Break is here – and this year it brings the promise of life renewed and reinvigorated.

Two years ago next Thursday, during Spring Break 2020, we made the hard decision to extend the break by a week so that faculty and students could prepare to convert to virtual learning for what turned out to be the remainder of the semester. It initiated a time of significant loss for many Berry students – the abrupt end to sports seasons and on-campus projects, the separation from friends, the cancellation of significant events. The loss was comparable for high school students as well. In those early days, none of us anticipated the depth, breadth or severity of the disruption that the COVID pandemic would cause.

Now, it seems that the long season of disruption and disappointment is coming to an end. **In honor of this two-year anniversary, we will bring to an end our weekly COVID updates.** While we may use this format to offer occasional updates regarding the pandemic or perhaps other important campus information, we will do so on a more limited basis. We hope you agree that this is great news.

At this time, we do not anticipate the need for any testing protocols when returning to campus after Spring Break.

Have a great week.

And take care to stay healthy while apart so we can return and be healthy together.

COVID BY THE NUMBERS

BERRY:

Low / **lime green** level of risk.

Vaccination rates:

Students: 85% vaccinated; 51% boosted

Faculty: 97% vaccinated; 85% boosted

Staff: 86% vaccinated; 61% boosted

Cases for week of Feb 23 – March 2.: 2 students, 0 employees

Updated cases for preceding week of Feb. 17 – Feb. 23: 0 students, 2 employees

Active cases on campus: 2

ROME/FLOYD COUNTY:

Low / **Yellow** level of risk.

44% fully vaccinated

31 COVID cases in Floyd and Redmond hospitals.

Compared to 20 on Dec. 7, 2021, and 176 on Jan. 27, 2022

7.4% positive tests in last 14 days

Compared to 4.3% in GA overall

Compared to 5.3% in Rome/Floyd Co. on Dec. 7, 2021 and 46.6% on Jan. 27, 2022

129/100,000 new COVID cases in the last 14 days

Compared to 139/100,000 in GA overall

Compared to 151/100,000 in Rome/Floyd Co. on Dec. 7, 2021, and 2,417/100,000 on Jan. 27, 2022



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.

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