COVID-19 UPDATE

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OVERVIEW

• COVID-19 Case Update
• COVID-19 vaccination policy update
• Other updates/planning
UW COVID-19 Epidemiological Curve* (Beginning Feb. 27, 2020)

Total Positives Last 10 Days: 91

Faculty | Staff | Student

UW COVID-19 new cases sharply increased with return to campus testing, they are now starting to decrease.

- Most cases are UW students, about 90%
- Most cases are vaccinated people, about 90%

97% of students who have attested indicated they are vaccinated (82% response rate)
96% of employees vaccinated

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PUBLIC HEALTH - SEATTLE & KING COUNTY SHOWING RELATIVE RISK FOR UNVACCINATED

Cases
People who are not fully vaccinated are:

8x more likely to test positive for COVID-19

Hospitalizations
People who are not fully vaccinated are:

46x more likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19

Deaths
People who are not fully vaccinated are:

78x more likely to die of COVID-19 related illness

The vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness from COVID-19 requiring hospitalization.

Getting vaccinated dramatically reduces one’s risk of dying from COVID-19. Deaths among the unvaccinated have tended to affect younger and healthier people than the comparatively rare deaths among vaccinated people.

COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY
UPDATES IN PROCESS (APPLY TO EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS)

• Religious and medical exemption determination letters are being issued this week.
• Requirements for unvaccinated include:
  – Medical/procedure mask (no cloth)
  – Required 6 foot distancing while eating
  – Weekly COVID-19 testing (or twice a week for people who work in a health care setting or have patient interaction)
• Portal for uploading test results is being developed - information will be sent next week.
• Effective Oct 25, public health order requires proof of vaccination or a negative test result for event and entertainment venues (e.g., applies to UW Museums and theatres and other locations). Compliance guidance in development
CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM UPDATES

• **WA Exposure Notify** is the primary contact tracing mechanism for classroom settings
• Updates to contact tracing program automation to help reach more people faster- electronic surveys, automated notifications, etc.
• Isolation and Quarantine guidance flow chart (next slide)
QUESTIONS AND REFERENCES

EH&S COVID-19 Response & Prevention Team, covidehc@uw.edu
UW Coronavirus Page: https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/

FAQs are all updated and more user friendly