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Subject: RE: Message and resources to share in advance of tonight's Council meeting
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Mayor Hemminger and members of Town Council,

Thank you very much for your time tonight and the opportunity to share updates about our spring semester. In response to a couple of questions posed tonight, I'd like to share the chart about required [testing](#) for undergraduate students (see attached) as well as [information about student conduct](#). We will follow up regarding any information we have about students living locally.

Please let us know if you have other questions,

Kristen Young

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Mayor Hemminger and members of Town Council,

In advance of your meeting tonight, I wanted to share a few items including a [communication Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and Risk Management George Battle shared](#) with the campus community this morning.

Here are some resources to reference leading up to the spring semester:

- Our Carolina Together [website](#) has been refreshed and the [FAQ for neighbors](#) streamlined.
- As noted in the communication below, the changes to the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) will be implemented next week to provide a more transparent and comprehensive look at COVID-19 in our community.
- Also noted in the below email, if a cluster is confirmed by the Orange County Health Department, we will post that update to the Carolina Together [website](#) and the UNC-Chapel Hill [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. I'll also share the notifications with both the Town and Health Department's PIOs.
- The University has [identified a cluster of COVID-19 cases](#) at Carmichael Residence Hall. This cluster involves students who lived in Carmichael over winter break and were identified through evaluation testing. The

individuals in this cluster have been identified, are isolating and receiving medical monitoring and people identified as close contacts to this cluster have been identified, have been tested and moved to isolation.

- We are encouraging both students and neighbors to download the [Carolina Ready app](#) as well as the North Carolina DHHS app [SlowCOVIDNC app](#) as tools to provide important information and notification of possible exposure to the virus.

We want to recognize the partnership between the University and the community and reinforce that [we have to work all together](#) to keep our Carolina community and the Chapel Hill community safe and healthy. See attached for an animated graphic noting both the Town of Chapel Hill and the Orange County Health Department as partners. Thanks to our partnership with the Town and the Downtown Partnership, banners will be installed downtown at the end of this week.

Please let me know if you have any questions and we'll see you virtually this evening.

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From: no_reply@email.unc.edu <no_reply@email.unc.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:15 AM

Subject: [FORMAL NOTICE] COVID-19 UPDATE: Cluster Notifications and the Carolina Together Dashboard



Dear Carolina Community,

As we approach the start of classes, I want to share important information about how we will communicate COVID-19 cases and clusters during the Spring 2021 semester, as well as some changes we have made to the Carolina Together Dashboard.

Cluster Notifications

The University follows the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services definition of a cluster, which is five or more confirmed COVID-19 cases in close proximity or location, such as within a single residence hall or dwelling, with a plausible epidemiologic link between cases. The University will continue communicating broadly about clusters of COVID-19 cases in on-campus residence halls, Granville Towers and fraternity or sorority houses.

Early in the Fall 2020 semester, we alerted the campus community to clusters at the University through the Alert Carolina system based on our understanding of the requirements for COVID-19 set by the U.S. Department of Education Clery Act, which guides what health and safety information universities share with their campus.

As I [wrote](#) in late August, Department of Education staff, our consultants and experts agreed that we should start communicating clusters through the Carolina Together website and the UNC-Chapel Hill [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) handles. For the Spring 2021 semester, we will continue with this approach. If there is a cluster confirmed by the Orange County Health Department, we will post a message on the Carolina Together website and send a notification on the UNC-Chapel Hill Twitter and Facebook handles.

In addition, we will add that cluster to the Carolina Together dashboard with the number of active cases during the next regularly scheduled update. Students who live in the house or residence hall where the cluster is confirmed will receive a direct communication with more information and instruction.

Carolina Together Dashboard

We will also continue to maintain the Carolina Together [dashboard](#), updating it daily Monday through Friday with metrics like numbers of positive cases, quarantine and isolation housing occupancy, and cluster locations. The dashboard helps us track and analyze the impact of

COVID-19 on the overall health of our campus community and our ability to appropriately respond to change.

For the upcoming semester, we have improved the dashboard so it provides a more transparent and comprehensive look at COVID-19 in our community. These changes will go into effect early next week. Our new reporting structure will allow us to make more accurate, concise data publicly available:

- The On-Campus Testing section will include all tests performed on campus, both through the Carolina Together Testing Program and at Campus Health since Jan. 1, 2021.
- The Positivity Rate will reflect the rate of positive tests performed on the UNC–Chapel Hill campus since Jan. 1.
- The All Reported Positive Cases will include our total positive cases reported from Campus Health, the Carolina Together Testing locations, proactive community testing and self-reported test results, for students and employees, since Feb. 2020.
- The Clusters section will include the date it was identified, the location and the number of positive cases within the cluster. A cluster will be removed from the dashboard once it is no longer active, which means there have been no new cases for a 28-day period.

It will take every one of us working together to make this semester a success. We learned during the fall semester that there was little to no COVID-19 spread when the COVID-19 Community Standards were followed. Committing to following these standards is a condition of your presence on campus- whether you are a student, faculty or staff member.

We continue to populate the Carolina Together [website](#) with the latest updates from across campus as we prepare to start the spring semester. I also strongly encourage you to download the [Carolina Ready Safety App](#), which brings important Carolina Together resources, like the [COVID-19 Community Standards](#) and mask distribution sites, right to your mobile phone.

Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and our campus community safe and healthy.

George Battle
Vice Chancellor, Institutional Integrity and Risk Management

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COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM



The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Group	Community		Prior to Arrival Testing	Re-entry Testing	Regular Asymptomatic Evaluation Testing	Daily Symptom Checking
1	Undergraduate Students	Having in-person class(es) OR Living on-campus OR Living in Granville Towers OR Living in a domicile with 10+ people			 Twice a Week	
2	Undergraduate Students	Not having in-person classes or living in any of the locations identified in Group 1 but living in Chapel Hill or Carrboro (even if only doing remote learning)			 Once a Week	
3	Graduate and Professional Students, Post-Doctoral Fellows*	Accessing campus to teach OR Having in-person class(es) OR Living in a domicile with 10+ people			 Once a Week	
4	Graduate and Professional Students, Post-Doctoral Fellows*	Living in Chapel Hill or Carrboro not in Group 3 or not accessing campus OR Living in Chapel Hill or Carrboro but not accessing campus			 Once a Week	
5	Faculty and Staff#	Accessing campus			 Once a Week	 Daily
6	Faculty and Staff	Working remotely and not accessing campus				

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* Exception for graduate students in programs where daily symptom checks are required (i.e., Health Professions Programs). *This exception exists because this system has been proven to be effective from May until now.* For these students, testing is voluntary, up to 1x/week. In addition, once weekly (Monday night) evening MBA, weekend executive MBA and MBA@UNC programs are not required to participate in testing.

Staff and faculty who are accessing campus will be expected to perform daily symptom check regardless of whether they participate in testing. For those staff and faculty working completely remotely, symptom checker does not need to be completed daily and testing will not be provided.