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## COVID-19 Update: Sept. 23, 2020

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UCA Students, Faculty, and Staff:

As you know, in early August we began updating the UCA coronavirus website with weekly data on UCA's testing trends, positivity rate, and quarantine/isolation utilization. This email is to remind you that this data is updated each Wednesday by 10 am, and you can find the latest data by clicking on the "Testing and Tracing Data" button at [uca.edu/coronavirus](https://uca.edu/coronavirus).

This week's data release includes a new data point -- the number of isolation and quarantine letters that have been issued weekly since August by the Student Health Clinic. Isolation letters are issued to individuals with a positive test result, and quarantine letters are issued to individuals identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19. These letters are issued to any student or employee that tests positive for COVID-19 or has been identified as a close contact of a positive case through a tracing investigation. Letters are not issued to individuals who are unaffiliated with UCA, as those individuals are contacted by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Based on the data, UCA's campus mitigation plan is working, but we must maintain our efforts. According to our medical director, Dr. Randy Pastor, all contract tracing to this point in the semester has not indicated any COVID-19 transmission in the classroom. The testing positivity rate for the UCA and Conway Regional Health System testing protocol continues to stay below the state's goal of 10%, and our utilized quarantine and isolation housing continues to be well below capacity. Additionally, the average turnaround time for receiving test results continues to be less than two days which stands in stark contrast to the results around the U.S. While we are grateful to have these strong and favorable statistics as we end September, we cannot rest on those numbers. We are so appreciative of how seriously our students, faculty, and staff are taking our virus mitigation plan and must remain diligent to maintain these great statistics.

We want to encourage you to remain focused and continue to follow the protocols that have been outlined -- especially maintain six feet of distance as much as possible and wear your face covering. If we can continue to work together to follow these safety measures, then we will remain positioned to continue the semester as planned.

In appreciation,

Houston Davis  
President