



*Because News Flies Fast*

Dear Ravens,

Over the last 24 hours, we have had 18 new positive COVID-19 test results from our student community, bringing our number of active cases on the Rindge Campus to 33. ***Ravens, we need to stop the spread now.***

Of the recent positive cases, some are inclusive of people already in quarantine from previous exposure or identified in contact tracing. We want to acknowledge the caring and concern our students have for each other and the proactive steps many of them took to be tested after exhibiting potential symptoms.

**In light of these number, the University is issuing a shelter-in-place mandate for the Rindge Campus for 10 days, beginning Friday, February 12 at 8 a.m. and will implement the following actions:**

- All classes will be held remotely, beginning Friday at 8 a.m. All labs, studios and the Library will remain closed during this period.
- All in-person co-curricular activities are suspended, including all athletics activities; virtual programming will continue where available.
- All students employed on campus through work-study should contact their supervisor about remote work options. Please do not report to your job in-person.
- The Bubble and all athletic training facilities are closed. Students may exercise outdoors, masked and socially distanced.
- The Raven's Nest will be closed. The Dining Hall will remain open for meal pick up only. Meal delivery from off-campus is suspended during this period.
- Residential students will be limited to leaving their rooms to use shared bathrooms, do laundry, take out trash and pick up meals, and must be masked, physically distanced, and practice good hygiene when visiting these spaces. All commons spaces on campus and in the residence halls are closed. Students may leave their rooms and residence halls to visit health services for testing and other health needs.
- Non-residential/commuter students may not come to campus during this period, unless it is for COVID testing.
- Off-campus travel is not permitted during this time. If you have essential or extenuating circumstances that require you to leave campus, you must submit [this form](#) to be approved. This includes off-campus employment and internships.
- Students are not to visit other residence hall rooms, suites or apartments. Students are to remain in their assigned residence room.
- All University visitation is suspended.
- Non-essential staff and faculty are asked to work remotely for this period. If you cannot perform the functions of your jobs remotely and need to visit campus, please reach out to your Dean or direct supervisor. Only essential personnel are permitted on campus after 8 a.m. Friday morning.

In order to safeguard the health of our community, we must continue all safety protocols. **PLEASE remain diligent: wear your mask, practice good hand hygiene, abide by social distancing, monitor for symptoms and take other preventative measures.**

By remaining committed to these guidelines, we will be able to stabilize our COVID presence on campus. We acknowledge these changes are difficult, and we are committed to the return to a less restrictive campus environment as soon as it is safe to do so. By taking these steps and lowering our active case number, we can look ahead to finishing our semester safely in person.

***President Mooney and Dean Pollom will be hosting Zoom sessions with Rindge students tonight and tomorrow to address questions and concerns.***

***Additional communication for students, faculty and staff will be forthcoming.***

Be safe, Ravens.

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