

Office of Student Affairs
Office of Student Health Services
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Dear Students,

We are writing with an update on the current shelter-in-place order due to cases of COVID-19 among our undergraduates. The results of yesterday's testing demonstrate that we continue to have limited community spread among students. As a result, we will continue remote learning until at least **Tuesday, April 6**. In the interest of the wellbeing of our students living on campus, the shelter-in-place order will be modified so that students who have tested negative twice for COVID-19 can spend time outdoors.

Modified Shelter-in-Place

Residential students who have cleared two negative tests will receive bracelets in order to be eligible to leave their rooms to go outdoors. Housing will begin distributing these bracelets in hall later today, 3/30/2021. The following restrictions will be in place:

- Residential students are not permitted to leave campus other than to return home
- Masking and 6-foot social distancing continue to be required outside
- Students cannot congregate in the hallways, or the lounges/kitchens/laundry rooms in their dorms
- The library, Commons, and other common areas will remain closed for the time being
- Dining from the Commons will continue to be takeout only, and students are permitted to eat outside
- Athletics will continue to be on hold
- Students who have left campus cannot return until they have gone through the two-step testing process at their scheduled time; the details of this process will be forthcoming
- Students who live off campus are not permitted on campus
- Students must be back in their rooms by 10 p.m.

Students who have tested positive or have been identified as close contacts must continue to isolate or quarantine in their rooms with meals delivered to them.

Further Testing and Students at Home

We will continue to conduct surveillance testing for residential and commuting undergraduates this week. Details about that schedule will be forthcoming.

Students who have chosen to return home will go through the two-step testing process when UNE determines that it is safe to resume in-person learning. That onboarding process will likely be conducted on **Monday, April 5**. Further communication about the schedule will be forthcoming. Until then, those students will not be permitted on campus.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and patience as we navigate this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

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