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UA System COVID Numbers Remain Low Despite National Surge

The University of Alabama System's COVID-19 mitigation strategies are keeping new virus cases to a minimum on the three campuses despite the national surge that set U.S. records yesterday.

UA System Chancellor Finis St. John said, "This week's dashboard reflects the hard work and commitment of our 74,000 students as well as our faculty and staff to follow the health and safety guidelines that were developed specifically to help them stay well. I want to thank everyone who is working so hard to safeguard our campus communities."

The UA System dashboard released today includes these key data points:

- UA reported 68 student positive results from all sources, including self-reports.
- UA administered 1,124 tests this week, which is the highest level of testing since before Labor Day weekend.
- UAB's student numbers are down slightly week-over-week (63 vs 64 for the prior period), indicative of flattening after mandatory guidelines were emphasized last week.
- UAH reported 11 student cases with 0 positives among faculty/staff and 0 positives among those who were sentinel-tested.
- On-campus isolation housing occupancy remains very low Systemwide, with fewer than 5% of isolation beds on the three campuses in use.
- Sentinel testing results Systemwide are less than 1% for the week.