

## UA System Reports Extremely Low COVID Numbers

The University of Alabama System is pleased to report another week of extremely low COVID-positive cases among students, faculty, staff and clinical enterprise employees. This data continues to support the UA System's decision to return to full-capacity and normal operations in the fall 2021 semester at UA, UAB and UAH.

"Yesterday marked one year since the World Health Organization officially declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic, which has been a year of tremendous resilience across our System," UA System Chancellor Finis St. John said. "I am grateful for the leadership of the Board of Trustees and the guidance of the UA System Health and Safety Task Force, which set forth comprehensive guidelines that have kept our campuses safe while providing a robust student experience as well as the excellent education for which our universities are known."

The Chancellor expressed his appreciation for the hard work and cooperation of faculty, staff and students throughout this challenging year, and encouraged vigilance during the remainder of the spring semester.

As the state's largest employer, the UA System looks forward to offering all eligible employees vaccines by the end of March.

Key COVID dashboard data this week:

- The number of COVID-positive tests remains extremely low System-wide, with just **29 students, 8 academic faculty and staff and 14 clinical enterprise employees** testing positive last week.
- Sentinel testing continues to indicate minimal risk of asymptomatic transmission on our campuses. Only **.1%** of individuals who participated in sentinel testing last week tested positive.
- **Zero** students are in designated quarantine and isolation housing at UAB and UAH, and only **1.16%** of designated quarantine and isolation housing at UA is currently occupied.

The next UA System Dashboard update will be released Friday, March 19.