

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to work! I hope that each of you had a restful holiday.

Planning

The FOG will resume meetings later this week and continue into February, so I'll have more news for you next week. By then, we expect to have updated information about how many students we might have on campus this semester. As of Dec. 18, we had a total of 1,672 students registered for at least one course, and 1,631 with at least 12 hours (three courses), a full course load. Students can continue to register for classes and modify their class schedules into February. Further information will come both from room and board payments received and from Residential Life updates.

Students will arrive between Jan. 27 and 31. They will be tested upon arrival (with same-day results from the Sewanee Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory), and will not be allowed to reenter their housing until they receive a negative result.

Employee Testing

As in the summer, all employees will be tested prior to student arrivals. This will take place between Jan. 20 and 22. You will receive additional details and information next week (the week of Jan. 11) from Human Resources. Along with your testing timeslot, it will provide you with information on our new test. Watch for that announcement early next week.

Public Health Updates

My last message before the holiday break included an update to quarantine guidelines and a few Q&A about the new testing lab. In case you'd like to see that information again, it's [on the website](#).

Sincerely,

Nancy Berner

Provost