

## **SU Campus COVID-19 Testing & Cases Update – December 16, 2020**

To the Stevenson Campus Community,

Our bi-weekly Campus COVID-19 Dashboard report has been updated to include the latest student testing and case information and is available [here](#). This will be the last Dashboard report for the Fall semester.

### **Countdown to Spring**

Stevenson has launched a series of [Countdown to Spring communications](#) to help students and families prepare for the Spring 2021 semester. Our first Countdown message addresses important questions about our plan for additional hybrid in-person courses, registering for courses, registering for campus housing, move-in testing, and the plan for offering Fall, Winter, and Spring Mustang athletics competition.

Please look for other Countdown messages that we will share weekly via email, text, SU Facebook, and SU Twitter as we get ready to welcome students back for Spring.

### **Fall Testing & Cases**

Data from our Random Surveillance Testing (RST) program, which was implemented throughout the Fall semester, indicated less than 2% of Stevenson students who participated in RST tested positive for COVID-19. Overall, during the Fall semester, 194 members of our student body tested positive for COVID-19, either through testing at the Wellness Center or via off-campus testing. We are glad to report that all our impacted students exhibited no symptoms or only mild to moderate symptoms that have generally been short in duration.

### **Hybrid In-Person Instruction**

No positive cases were traced to our hybrid in-person classes on campus, and we thank our dedicated faculty and administrators for working diligently to keep our classrooms and labs a safe environment for our students. Our students' commitment to masking and physical distancing were also key to the success of our hybrid courses. In Spring 2021, the university plans to offer 60% of courses in this hybrid mode (students can access them virtually if they so choose).

### **Holiday Safety**

While a vaccine is on the horizon, we all must continue to follow the CDC's health and safety recommendations to limit the transmission of COVID, especially during this holiday season when we will be home with family and loved ones. The CDC has posted some [helpful tips for making your holiday season safer](#).

While the Fall was not without challenges and adjustments to the evolving COVID pandemic, the lessons we learned and your extraordinary efforts to help Keep Stevenson Safe will serve us well as we head into Spring. Thank you and may you have a happy and healthy new year! See you in January!

Sincerely,

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