November 16, 2020 – Campuswide email

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Here it is, the last week of classes! We’re almost to the first finish line, but as COVID-19 rates rise all around us, it is imperative that you recommit to safety measures that will ensure our students return home virus-free. So, be consumed in these final days with wearing your mask, keeping your distance from others, and washing your hands.

Positivity rates are rapidly rising across the nation, including here in Kentucky. So many counties are in the red zone that area schools have returned to remote learning as of today. Fortunately, our efforts here on campus have successfully kept infection rates low.

For this to remain the case, we must be extra safe and careful over the next eight (8) days. This is essential not just for our own individual health and safety but also for our classmates, colleagues, and friends, and, especially, our families with whom we hope to spend Thanksgiving.

The science is very clear that masking, social distancing, and hand washing prevent the spread of infection. The rise in infection rates means we need to act with an overabundance of caution, so please decrease travel and movement off campus this last week.

I conclude with thanks. Our accomplishments are a testament to the courage, care, and resilience throughout this campus community.

Let’s all stay focused and end this first half of the academic year knowing we’ve done all we can to keep each other safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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