

Feb. 11, 2022

Faculty, Staff and Students,

The temporary mask mandate put in place for campus at the beginning of January **will expire at the end of the day Friday, February 11, 2022**. We will continue to monitor cases on campus, but after steady weekly declines on campus (currently 6 cases on campus, down from 12 each the prior two weeks) and [Clay County](#) returning to levels comparable to early December, the temporary order will cease. **Faculty and staff may continue mask requirements in classrooms and offices, respectfully, similar to the start of the academic year.** Please properly wear your facial covering in those settings.

Operation Resurgent Campus

The College will transition to Level A-1 effective Monday, February 14th. Wearing masks is encouraged indoors and strongly recommended for those who are at a higher risk of illness until the county transmission levels return to less than 100 per 100K weekly rate. The case rate for Clay County from 2/1-2/7 is 326, the lowest since Thanksgiving week. During Level A-1:

- Air purifiers will remain active in facilities.
- Plexiglass will be removed from dining halls.
- Facilities will continue to regularly disinfect and provide sanitizer and wipes throughout buildings.
- You should continue to wear a mask and be tested for COVID-19 if you are ill.
- There may be instances where masks will be required for specific venues and events.
- Disposable masks will be available throughout campus.

As a reminder, PCR tests are available to students and employees by emailing Central@william.jewell.edu and requesting a test be placed in your campus mailbox. These costs are currently available at no cost to you.

Planning Team

The Operational Planning Team is working on the plans for the College during the COVID-19 endemic, which is expected to be announced from both the State of Missouri and the CDC in the coming weeks. The full plans will be published once developed, but we hope to release what we expect the immediate future to look like in the coming weeks as well.

In the meantime, the [CDC updated their guidance for institutions of higher education](#) this week. The team is currently reviewing the document; however, are awaiting forthcoming guidance regarding the endemic, procedures when the virus is present and at low manageable levels.

We will continue to provide the community with necessary updates until new guidance may be released.

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