Cardinal Community,

We are encouraged by what we are seeing on campus and in surrounding areas regarding the Omicron variant. Since the start of the semester, our number of positive cases on campus has decreased by over 70%. The number of positive cases in Jefferson County continues to trend downward. Due in large part to high vaccination rates and our campus community’s continued commitment to health and safety protocols, our positivity rate of 18% remains below the commonwealth’s rate of 23%, which also is trending downward.

Data continues to show that vaccinations and boosters drastically reduce the likelihood of severe illness or death due to COVID-19. Our Campus Health team will continue to offer vaccinations and boosters at both the HSC and Belknap Campus. Visit the Get Vaccinated section of the university’s COVID-19 website for dates, times and scheduling instructions.

Finally, the federal government has made available at-home tests for COVID-19. While at-home tests can be useful tools in determining if you have been exposed to COVID-19, results should always be confirmed with a testing provider (i.e., Walgreens, CVS, Campus Health, Bluewater Lab, etc.). Tests can be ordered at covidtests.gov. Faculty and staff can review the university HR website for more information: https://louisville.edu/hr/covid-19-hr/covid-19-home-testing-kits.

We thank you again for all your efforts in ensuring our campuses stay open and safe.

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