Cardinal Community,

As you may know, the latest variants of COVID-19, BA.4 and BA.5, are spreading quickly and broadly throughout the country. Jefferson County and much of Kentucky have been placed at a high-risk, red level, signaling that our area is experiencing high rates of transmission and hospitalization. The CDC strongly recommends red level areas to mask indoors.

We have been closely monitoring this situation over the last few weeks and we are frequently meeting to discuss the latest information. At this time, there is no change to our policies, but we strongly encourage all Cardinals to mask indoors for the duration of this surge. This is a fluid situation. Next week, we'll send out another update and provide information on where you can pick up a free KN95 mask on campus soon.

As a Community of Care, it is important that we all act with extra vigilance during this time and follow the seven Health & Safety Protocols to the best of our ability. If you have questions or concerns, reach out to a member of the Business Operations COVID Support Team. We’ve met every challenge the pandemic has posed to our university community thus far, and — together — we will continue to meet these challenges.

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