

ANONYMOUS QUESTION/COMMENT – NOVEMBER 2020	DATE	RESPONSE
<p>On September 3rd, a UofL Update email was sent to the campus community stating that Campus Health would be updating the UofL testing dashboard three times per week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The dashboard is consistently not being updated with the frequency that we were promised. So far this week, it has been updated only once. I ask that Staff Senate demand timely transparency from the institution about the cases on campus.</p>	<p>11/13</p>	<p>The dashboard is being updated as scheduled. Information received from the various testing agencies are now being run through our Institutional Effectiveness office to verify accuracy before posting and as a result, sometimes that posting is now taking place in the afternoon rather than the morning but it has been updated regularly on the Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule.</p>
<p>According to the University's COVID-19 dashboard, we are now up 26 average daily cases. The average daily cases for a "red" county are 25 per 100,000 people, and the University has exceeded this with a population of much less. I do not feel safe being on campus despite existing protocols. Please advocate for us to work remotely until the spread of the virus is better controlled in our community.</p>	<p>11/10</p>	<p>We advocate for all staff, whose jobs can be done remotely (not all can be) to be allowed to work remotely on an almost daily basis. Our chair is in the provost's planning meetings, our vice chair is in the academic planning meetings and our secretary/treasurer is in numerous HR meetings.</p>
<p>Despite the University moving all classes online after Thanksgiving break, offices have been told that desk staff must be present until winter break to keep brick and mortar offices open. There is significant community spread in our county already, and it is likely that many within our university community will increase their contacts by visiting with family over the holiday. Staff senate should advocate for allowance for offices to be fully remote after the break to limit their exposure to others by being on campus, as well as limit the population on campus for those who must remain on campus. Given the significant current spread and likelihood of additional spread at the holidays, we need to keep our staff safe. We have demonstrated our ability to operate fully remotely earlier this year, please allow us to do so again when the risks to our health are even higher than they were in the spring.</p>	<p>11/9</p>	<p>We advocate for all staff, whose jobs can be done remotely (not all can be) to be allowed to work remotely on an almost daily basis. Our chair is in the provost's planning meetings, our vice chair is in the academic planning meetings and our secretary/treasurer is in numerous HR meetings. We have advocated especially that additional numbers of staff should be able to perform their work responsibilities remotely with the end of in-person classes.</p>
<p>I believe that it is very concerning that the Dean of Arts and Sciences is not allowing the advising staff to work from home. He is requiring them to come in multiple days a week. They can easily do their jobs at home and there have only been a few students in the office all semester. All appointments are on the phone or on Microsoft teams. This is dangerous to the staff and goes against what the President and provost have stated as well as the Governor.</p>	<p>11/4</p>	