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Dear Faculty and Staff,

I'm writing to share some important updates regarding the concerning increase of COVID-19 cases on campus over the last several days:

- **Through our contact tracing program, there is no evidence of virus spread from in-person, in-class instruction.**
  - The safest place for our students to be is in class.
  - There is no indication of a single event, or one type of event, leading to the current increase in positive cases.
  - Contact tracing has shown that cases come primarily from social activity, even small gatherings, on and off campus.
- **Today, the Student Health Center reviewed our cases and protocols with the Chester County Department of Public Health, who oversees the public health efforts for both Chester and Delaware Counties.**
  - The county indicated its complete satisfaction with the practices and care being given on campus. They did not recommend any changes to our current health plan or mitigation measures.
- **We will be further increasing the numbers for surveillance testing this semester.**
  - Because of the University's snow closure this week, surveillance testing will resume on Wednesday, February 3 and the dashboard will be updated accordingly.
  - NOTE: information from members of the community who are tested off campus is included in the dashboard as they inform the Student Health Center of their test result.

In addition to the above important health updates, I am also sharing a [link to an email](#) that was shared with students and parents today.

Thank you for all that you do to follow our health and safety guidelines, including physical distancing and mask wearing. Your efforts remain critical as we all work together to help stop the spread of the virus in our community, helping us put *Community First*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Duffy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" and last name "Duffy" clearly distinguishable.

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