Dear Campus Community,

As we welcomed the snow and colder weather, it is important that we continue to minimize gatherings, and follow social distancing and face covering protocols as we spend more time indoors.

**Key Updates:**

- Please note that a **winter scarf and single layer facial coverings do not meet the requirements for face coverings** on campus. Multi-layered fabric is recommended and required to provide further safety for the new virus strains that are also being reported in the United States.

**Make sure your face covering:**
  - Fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
  - Completely covers the nose and mouth
  - Is secured with ties, ear loops or goes around the back of the head
  - **Includes multiple layers of fabric**
  - Allows for breathing without restriction
  - Can be washed and machine dried without damage or change to shape

- Now that we have completed our return to campus testing process, we ask any further COVID test results to be submitted to the following link which can also be located on MyHanover on the COVID-19 tab: [COVID Test Result Submission](#)

- This week the College has completed **74 tests resulting in 0 positive cases**. However, we have one positive case from a symptomatic individual who completed their testing externally and is now in isolation.

- **COVID vaccinations** are now available at the Jefferson County Health Department and King’s Daughters’ Hospital. If you are 70 years or older, a long-term care resident, a healthcare provider or first responder, you can register for a vaccination appointment.

- Jefferson County has returned to a “Orange” advisory level.

- **Hanover College will continue its current practices and protocols** that have been in place for some time. Please visit the Back to Hanover website or the COVID-19 page of MyHanover for more information.
• Remember, we must all stay vigilant in following our health and safety protocols and policies:
  o If you feel sick, avoid in-person interactions with others. You should reach out immediately to health services and the contact tracing team.
  o Wear a face covering (over nose and mouth) when required.
  o Practice social distancing even when outside and wearing a face covering.
  o Limit off-campus travel whenever possible and overnight travel is strongly discouraged.
  o Avoid riding in vehicles together.
  o Do not share drinks or utensils.
  o Wash hands frequently and hand sanitizer when available
  o Politely ask others to follow the guidelines.

Students who willfully ignore these safety health protocols will be asked to leave campus.

• Hanover College will continue to enforce our current 14-day quarantine policy based on consultation with our local and state health departments.

• Although dining services locations are currently open, we ask that employees order their food “to go” so that we can monitor student flow and capacity in these areas for a few weeks.

Contact Tracing and Testing:

• We will be increasing our testing of all students during Winter and Spring Terms. This includes surveillance testing and the testing of athletes per NCAA guidance.
• Students will be required to comply with surveillance testing requests or be subject to disciplinary action.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, understanding and commitment to Hanover College!