

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Students,

We are seeing a slight increase in the number of [positive COVID-19 cases](#) on campus. While this is not unexpected, especially as the weather is turning colder and we're spending more time indoors, we all must stay committed to practicing [Cyclones Care behaviors](#). Wear your face covering over your mouth and nose, maintain physical distance as much as possible, and stay home when you're sick.

We know you've heard this message many times, but it's worth repeating because we know these simple steps do work to reduce the risk of infection. We encourage you to take care and caution to ensure you don't have to navigate isolation or quarantine in the final four weeks of the semester.

If you are planning to celebrate Halloween this weekend, do so safely. Student Wellness and Student Conduct have some great recommendations for [low-risk activities](#). Going to a costume party, an indoor haunted house, or on a hayride without a face covering is not recommended. Similar activities with a face covering and proper physical distancing pose less risk to yourself and others.

It is amazing to think about what we have accomplished together this semester. We've had some great events on campus as you can see in this story about the [Resilient Cyclone Spirit](#). We have worked hard to get this far and look forward to expanding more in-person events in the future. As we wrap up the final few weeks of the semester, we encourage you to remain vigilant and finish strong.

We have a lot to be proud of this semester. Stay the course and continue to show how Cyclones Care. Thank you for being an important part of the Cyclone community.

Sincerely,

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