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Dear Heidelberg Students:

Even as our days get noticeably longer and lighter, we are in the middle of the Ohio winter. It looks like we will get more snow and lots more cold this week. Walk, run, and drive safely!

Speaking of safety, the Ohio National Guard conducted free COVID-19 testing here for the third time last Thursday. We had 431 campus members get tested, which is a single day record for us. All students, employees, and campus partners are doing a terrific job of keeping our community healthy and successful. Take a look at our updated *Berg COVID-19 Spring 2021 Dashboard* here: www.heidelberg.edu/dashboard.

Our total student cumulative positivity rate of 1.4% and our total campus cumulative positivity rate of 1.4% compares very favorably to the current Ohio 7-day running positivity rate of 6.9%. Fortunately, the Ohio rate continues to decline. We should all be grateful to each other for these test results so far and we should all remain vigilant together to maintain our campus health for everyone's benefit.

How about a Student Princes shout out to the Men's Basketball Team for their 5-0 start to this shortened season ... best undefeated start for that team in about 35 years! We wish all winter sport student-athletes continued fun and success in their practices and competitions.

Finally, I want to express campus wide appreciation and respect to the 16 faculty members and the many students who joined them in sharing individual and team research projects at *Heidelberg's 26th Annual Faculty Research Symposium* last week. I was lucky to attend 8 of the 13 presentations and all of them were tremendously interesting and engaging. It is a privilege to see and hear faculty colleagues share their research knowledge, curiosity, and passion!

I look forward to *Heidelberg's Annual Student Research Conference* on April 13th.

Let us keep our campus healthy and successful together ... masking, distancing, and testing!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President