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Dear Heidelberg Students:

I am asking all students and employees to mask up and socially distance more vigilantly everywhere on campus to ensure that we make it through Commencement on May 16th. With 11 positive COVID cases in the last 10 days, we do not want to blow it with an outbreak so close to our finish line!

All students and employees share the rewards and this responsibility.

Berg Athletics thanks everyone for supporting all of our student-athletes who competed in the OAC this semester. The winter and fall sports are done. Our teams are still competing in the spring sports of Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Golf, and Track & Field ... mask up!

Berg Theatre has recorded its performance of *Heathers: The Musical* and that will be streamed this coming weekend. Our Theatre students are also rehearsing their live performances of *9 to 5* for COVID-limited attendance at shows on May 13-15th. That will be their first live performance since February 2020 ... mask up!

Parkhurst Dining continues to prepare and serve great tasting fresh food in Hoernemann Refectory for dine-in or carry-out and at other campus locations. Parkhurst Catering did a wonderful job at the Baker Family & Friends reception in the Gillmor Atrium yesterday following the Dr. David B. Baker church memorial service. Our foodservice partners have done an incredible job of deep cleaning and rigorous sanitation all year to ensure student food health ... mask up!

Vaccinations are inching forward. Nationally, 42.2% have received one dose and 28.4% have been fully vaccinated. In Ohio, 39.2% have received one dose and 29.5% have been fully vaccinated. The J&J shot is no longer on pause. We strongly encourage everybody to get vaccinated.

Ohio's COVID 7-day running positivity rate ticked up to 4.5%. Seneca County remains on Red Alert. Our campus cumulative positivity rate has risen to 0.98% and we have 7 active cases. Please see our updated www.heidelberg.edu/dashboard.

All of us in the Heidelberg campus community should share pride in how we have handled this historically challenging school year successfully to this moment. Please help each other maintain our campus health and success for everyone right to the end ... masking, distancing, testing, and choosing to vaccinate!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President