Dear Wesleyan Families,

This campus update was sent this morning from Dr. Tom McLarney, Medical Director, Davison Health Center to members of the campus community.

To the Wesleyan Community,

A happy spring to all. In New England, as many of us know, the calendar does not always correlate with the weather outside. Two weeks ago, it appeared we were entering summer and skipping spring altogether. The following week, snow, ice, and painful wind chills let us know that Mother Nature has an interesting sense of humor. Now we welcome the signs of springlike weather.

Davison Health Center has been seeing students with common late winter/early spring illnesses like mononucleosis, strep, and influenza. We have learned from the pandemic that there are simple ways to protect yourself. Handwashing, masking, and staying home from work or class when sick will protect us from these circulating viruses.

In terms of the pandemic, we are pleased to report that our campus has not seen a significant increase in COVID-19 illnesses. While we have had a relatively low number of cases reported, there continues to be no Covid-19 related severe illness nor hospitalizations.

After April 15, the Fayerweather Covid test pick up will move to Davison Health Center. Students who are symptomatic or close contacts may go to the front desk at Davison to pick up a rapid antigen COVID-19 test (Masks are still required at Davison). If a student tests positive, there is a QR code on the package, which will help you report a positive test to the university. That result is sent to Medical, Residential Life, and Food Services who will determine isolation time and housing, retesting, and meal needs. After hours and on the weekends, students may pick up a rapid COVID-19 test kit at Public Safety.

For the latest information on our COVID-19 protocols, visit the Keep Wes Safe website.

As the weather warms, we will continue to monitor the health climate on campus and in our surrounding community. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our goal has been to create a safe and healthy environment. And that is exactly where we are here at Wesleyan.

Be well,

Dr. Tom McLarney