



Students and visitors walk down the haunted trail at Scary Berry. (Photo by student Emily Thompson)

HEALTHY TOGETHER

Three weeks from now we'll be enjoying Thanksgiving – both the food and the break!

Locally and regionally, COVID cases continue to trend down. We have not yet returned to the low levels of June, but we are moving much closer. The number of cases on campus has been low for the last several weeks, with no apparent spread.

Therefore, beginning at 7 p.m. today, the college will waive the general requirement to wear masks indoors.

However, faculty and staff may continue to require masks in their individual classrooms or personal offices and workspaces.

There are often compelling reasons for individual faculty and staff to maintain an extra measure of protection. It is vital that other members of the Berry community (students and employees) comply with these requests. Individuals who fail to do so will be subject to disciplinary action by the college.

We know that there are individuals at Berry with greater health risks and COVID concerns. We encourage these individuals to wear masks as appropriate. Individuals who are not vaccinated should continue to wear masks because they are most at risk of being infected.

Meanwhile, yesterday brought **breaking news** regarding President Biden's Executive Orders, parts of which are now scheduled to take effect on Dec. 4, 2021 and Jan. 4, 2022. We are currently studying these orders and how to implement them at Berry. We will provide further details in coming weeks.

And remember, turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday night. Enjoy the extra rest!

COVID BY THE NUMBERS

BERRY:

Percentage fully vaccinated: 83% students, 97% full-time faculty, 84% full-time staff

Moderate to Low / Yellow level of risk.

For week of Oct. 28-Nov 3: 2 student cases, 1 employee case

Last week. Oct. 21-27: 1 student case, 2 employee cases

Number of active cases at Berry: 4

ROME/FLOYD COUNTY:

Moderate / Orange level of risk.

Percentage of population fully vaccinated: 42%

Additional percentage partially vaccinated: 4%

38 COVID cases in Floyd and Redmond hospitals.

Compared to 207 on Sept. 8 and 17 in mid-July

6.5% positive tests in last 14 days

Compared to 26.7% on Sept. 8 and 3.1% on July 1

130/100,000 new COVID cases in the last 14 days

Compared to 1,837/100,000 on Sept. 8 and 17/100,000 on July 1

Click the graphic for more events!



VIKING WEEKEND NOVEMBER 6-8 ATHLETICS

SAA Volleyball Conference Tournament
Friday @ 5pm vs Rhodes,
Additional games Friday-Sunday at the Cage
Arena, Students Free with Berry ID
Visit Berry Connect for Sign-Up Links

FRIDAY
Rec's Camp & Climb at Sand Rock
Depart at 5 pm Friday, return Saturday by 8 pm
MUST REGISTER ON BERRY CONNECT*
Women's Cross Country - "Be the Match"
S'mores Social & Bone Marrow Donation Sign-ups
7-8 pm, Jewel Box
KCAB presents Lewberger (singing/comedy group from America's Got Talent Season 16)
8:30 pm, Krannert Ballroom

SATURDAY
Campus Hike (Location TBA on Berry Connect)
9 am, Meet at Jewel Box
KCAB Krew presents Toga Tango
8-10 pm, Krannert Ballroom

SUNDAY
Hispanic Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi Induction Ceremony
2 pm, Evans Auditorium and Zoom
Ellie Holcomb Concert
7-8:30 pm Bell Recital Hall at Ford
Sponsored by Chaplains Office & WinShape

If you have any COVID-related questions, send an email to

covid-19questions@berry.edu. Our staff will get back to you in a timely manner.