



The Berry Volleyball team defeated Rhodes in the SAA Conference championship tournament!

HEALTHY TOGETHER

Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation and goodwill during our transition to a mask optional policy for campus. What a pleasant surprise to see full faces again!

Some members of our community continue to wear masks because of personal or family needs and continued concern about the COVID virus. Some classes have maintained a mask requirement. These are not easy decisions; let's support and encourage others as we strive to be healthy together.

At the end of last week, we followed the **breaking news** regarding President Biden's Executive Orders, parts of which are scheduled to take effect on December 4, 2021 and January 4, 2022. A number of court challenges have been filed in the last few days, and we will monitor the legal wrangling in weeks to come.

Although the effect of these orders on policies at Berry is far from clear, please understand that there is a reasonable possibility that we will need to implement early next year a vaccine requirement (or weekly testing option with masking requirements) for employees, including student employees, who are not fully vaccinated. At present, the Executive Order does NOT make exception for individuals previously infected by COVID (with "natural immunity") or who have had a positive antibody test.

We will provide further details as they become available.

To be fully vaccinated by January 4, individuals will need to plan ahead.

In our continued partnership with Atrium Health Floyd (formerly Floyd Medical Center), we will host additional vaccine clinics (including the opportunity for boosters). Watch your e-mail for details on dates, time and place.

Meanwhile, weekly testing will continue for community members who have not been vaccinated and/or do not have a documented case of COVID (documented cases need to be from either a PCR or antigen COVID test).

COVID BY THE NUMBERS

BERRY:

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

Moderate to low /Lime Green level of risk.

For week of: Nov 4 – Nov 10: 0 cases

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

Number of active cases at Berry: 0

ROME/FLOYD COUNTY:

Percentage of population fully vaccinated: 43% Compared to GA overall: 50%

Moderate / **Yellow** level of risk.

29 COVID cases in Floyd and Redmond hospitals.

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

5.4% positive tests in last 14 days

Compared to 3.3% in GA overall

101/100,000 new COVID cases in the last 14 days

Compared to 91/100,000 in GA overall

Click the graphic for more events!



NOVEMBER 12-14
VIKING WEEKEND

FRIDAY
 The Social Impact Challenge
 9pm at Evans Auditorium
 Res Life Late Night:
 MoLem's Backyard Bonfire
 11pm-1am, Morton Lawn

ATHLETICS
 Men's and Women's Swim vs Sewanee
 Saturday, 1pm, Cage Center
 Football vs. Centre College/Senior Day
 Saturday, 2pm, Valhalla
 Pick up your ticket at the
 Krannert Info Desk by Friday at 6pm

SATURDAY
 SOLE Lookout Mountain Hike
 9am, Meet at Jewel Box
 BCVS Fall Into Service Day
 12pm, meet in Krannert Ballroom
 SemiFormal
 9pm-12am, Ford Gym/Quad
 Tickets must be purchased at the
 Krannert Info Desk by Friday at 6pm*

AROUND ROME
 Rome International Film Festival
 Nov. 11th-14th*
 Underground Rome Tours
 Nov 13th*

*More information in Berry Connect email

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.