Dear Western Students,

On Monday, June 15, 2020, the Student Health Center became aware of COVID-19 exposure that the La Crosse County Health Department believes occurred at several area bars in the downtown La Crosse area between June 5, 2020 and June 7, 2020. These bars included:

- Blue Moon, Onalaska
- The Library (Bar), La Crosse
- Twisted Moose & Legends, La Crosse
- Pettibone Beach, La Crosse
- The Crow, La Crosse
- Brothers Bar & Grill, La Crosse
- Broncos on 3rd, La Crosse

If you visited any of these establishments between June 5th and 7th, be advised that you may have been exposed to COVID-19. The county health department asks that you please complete this COVID-19 Exposure Reporting Form (here, https://forms.gle/fqfBPUzW2jo3crfi9) so they can contact you and direct you on important next steps to take.

It appears these recent cases in La Crosse County are of higher frequency among young adults in their twenties. While many businesses continue to reopen in different ways, we know that La Crosse County has community spread of COVID-19 which means you could be exposed anytime you come into contact with others. Community spread is occurring in many counties throughout Wisconsin and the country. The university encourages all students to remain vigilant to protect their own health and safety, as well as others in our community. Carriers of COVID-19 can show minimal or no symptoms and still be contagious. It is more important than ever to wear a mask and practice good 6 foot social distancing.

COVID-19 symptoms may include fevers, chills, cough, muscle aches, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, stomach upset. If you have any symptoms, we strongly advise that students stay home from work and isolate themselves appropriately. Please see the La Crosse County Health Department Recommendations here: https://lacrossecounty.org/covid19compass/isolation-and-quarantine. If you are not in La Crosse County, please follow the recommendations of the County or State in which you currently reside.

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If you are experiencing symptoms, please call your local health provider to discuss the need for testing. Testing can likely be billed through your insurance plan. Currently, testing is not recommended for individuals without symptoms, but if you believe you have had an exposure, please contact your local health department.

The Student Health Center is open during the summer session and is providing both in-clinic and Telehealth (phone & online) services. See our website for details: https://www.uwlax.edu/student-health-center/

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The Student Health Center is dedicated to serving the unique healthcare needs of UWL & Western students. Make an appointment - call 608.785.8558. Please call ahead as we are not accepting any walk in appointments. We are recommending in-person appointments only if you have an essential need. www.uwlax.edu

We have a limited ability to test students (with symptoms only) for COVID-19. You may call us at (608) 785-8558 for a symptom triage. Please be aware if you are not enrolled in summer credits, visits may incur an additional fee as well as any costs for testing.

Stay Safe and Healthy this Summer!



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