

**College of Saint Mary
COVID-19 Monitoring Team**

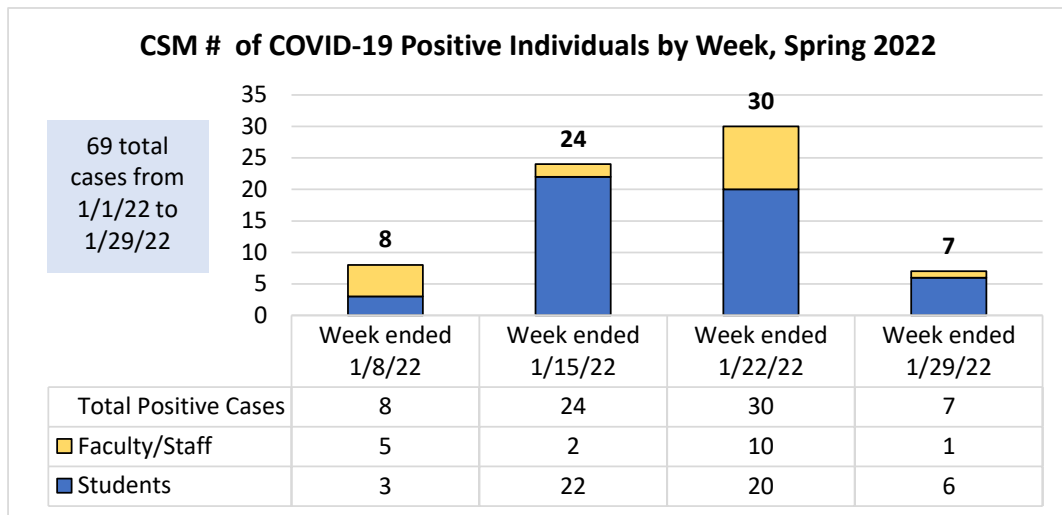
2/3/22 Community Update for Students, Faculty and Staff

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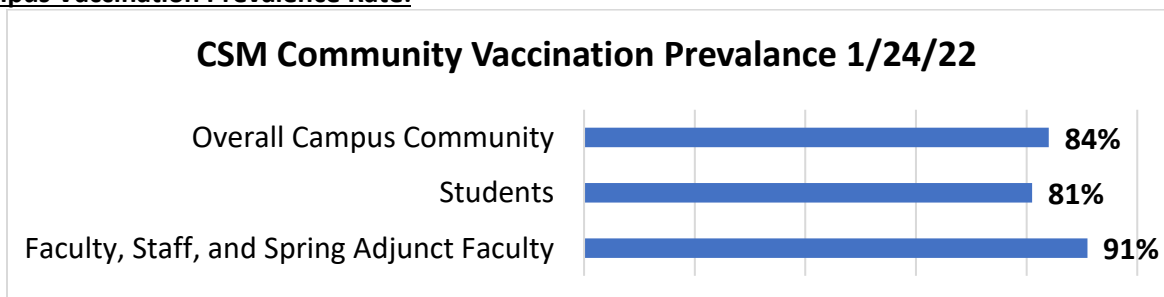
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The COVID-19 Monitoring Team continues to meet regularly to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 in our campus community, provide educational opportunities, and review new guidance as it is published. We greatly appreciate the time and attention these individuals have contributed, to keep our campus safe and current on our responses to the pandemic. I had the pleasure of attending the Team’s meeting on 2/3/22 and am sharing the following highlights with you.

- 1) **Prevalence of COVID-19 on campus** – The weekly Dashboard can be found on the home page of myCSM [LINK](#). Key takeaways for the week ended 1/29/22:
 - a. During the week ending 1/29/22 we have had 7 new COVID-19 positive cases reported (6 students and 1 faculty/staff). This is down from the prior week ending 1/22/22 of 30 new cases reported (20 students and 10 faculty/staff).
 - b. In the spring semester, we have had 69 positive COVID-19 cases reported through 1/29/22. Of these:
 - i. 41 have been students living off campus, 10 have been students living on campus, and 18 were faculty/staff.
 - ii. 63 were vaccinated and 6 were not vaccinated.
 - iii. The distribution of the # of cases by week are shared in the chart below.



2) **Campus Vaccination Prevalence Rate:**



- 3) **Booster Shots-** Getting a booster shot helps protect you, your loved ones, and the CSM community. You are eligible for the booster if you have received your Pfizer or Moderna 2nd dose more than 5 months ago; or received your Johnson & Johnson dose more than two months ago. If you are employed by the college and have received your booster, please send your updated immunization card to hr@csm.edu or upload it to ADP yourself. This will assist us in monitoring the Campus Booster Prevalence Rate.
- 4) **Free at Home COVID-19 Tests –** Beginning 1/18/22, you can go online, and request four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests be delivered to you. The form at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> takes less than a minute to complete, and it is helpful to have the tests available at home in case you or your loved ones begin having symptoms or are exposed to someone who has tested positive.
- 5) **Educational offerings –** Last fall, Dr. Roe and Dr. Keyte were available in the Dining hall for COVID-19 questions over the lunch hour on certain days and Dr. Ferber offered online question and answer sessions with Douglas County Health. This spring, we
 - a. Updated our COVID-19 Information page <https://www.csm.edu/covid-19-info> to include information about booster shots, free at home tests, and adding a campus communication section on the bottom right.
 - b. Provided an update on the Douglas County Health Department’s revised guidance reducing the number of days to remain in isolation or quarantine [LINK](#).
 - c. In February, we will be updating the COVID-19 flyers throughout campus, and will provide our key takeaways of new guidelines offered by the American College Health Association’s [Updated COVID-19 Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education \(acha.org\)](#) & [COVID-19 Task Force Key Considerations Update January 2022 \(acha.org\)](#)
- 6) **Other Updates:**
 - a. Communication
 - i. We have added an AVISO notification which allows the Monitoring Team to quickly notify faculty (including adjuncts), academic advisors, and student success advisors if one of their students is in isolation or quarantine.
 - ii. Several Faculty are encouraging students to fill out the COVID-19 health form if they test positive, in order to be excused from classes. This is helping with the comprehensiveness of the data provided for the weekly Dashboards ([LINK](#)).
 - iii. We have added a section at the bottom of the weekly Dashboard that includes new questions submitted to the Team and responses. If you have a question, please use this [LINK](#).
 - b. Spellman Early Childhood Development Center - The # of days which Spellman is requiring children to be in quarantine or isolation have been shortened. This has been helpful for our student mothers with little ones at Spellman, as they are not required to be home with their children missing face to face classes for as long of a timeframe.