

Dear WVPU Community Members,

Together with our new member of the COVID-19 Task Force, the president of the Student Government Association, Loren Sandoval, we decided to regularly update you on developments concerning how WVPU handles the challenges posed by the pandemic.

We have agreed to inform the community when we become aware of positive cases occurring among our students, faculty or staff.

We are writing to let you know that we have had two three confirmed COVID-19 cases in our community since the semester started. The three cases are unrelated. One case involved a student who is exclusively attending remotely. The other student did attend courses on campus. As a result, those courses were immediately shifted online for two weeks. All students, staff, and faculty who came into direct contact with this positive case were advised to self-quarantine for ten days. The third case involved a member of the language center who met students in one class. The class and the faculty member who came into direct contact with this case were moved to remote teaching and advised to self-quarantine for fourteen days. According to our information, all three individuals are expected to make a full recovery.

We understand that this news is unsettling for our community, but we want to assure you that our procedures and guidelines including contact tracing worked smoothly thanks to your continued efforts to keep each other safe. Please continue to do the following:

- If you do not feel well in any way, stay home.
- Sign in at the front desk, when you come to campus.
- Cover your mouth and nose at all times when you are around others.
- Regularly wash your hands and disinfect them.
- Please disinfect the armrests and tables you used in classroom.
- Regularly check [WVPU's COVID-19 Guidelines](#).
- If you have been asked to self-quarantine, please act responsibly and reduce social contacts for 7 days.
- If you are waiting to get tested or waiting for the results, stay home and inform us immediately by sending an e-mail to: CV19.taskforce@webster.ac.at.
- If you tested positive, do not return to campus until you can present a negative test result.

By now, many of you are probably aware of [Austria's official COVID-19 Traffic Light](#) system which is supposed to guide the country's regional policies in the coming weeks and months. Currently, Vienna is Orange, i.e. high-risk; however, universities and schools are classified independently. They are currently Yellow (moderate risk).

In the event that universities move to Orange, WVPU will be expected to enact further health measures. The WVPU COVID-19 Task Force continues to closely monitor the situation. We will inform you when relevant changes occur.

Sincerely,

The COVID-19 Task Force