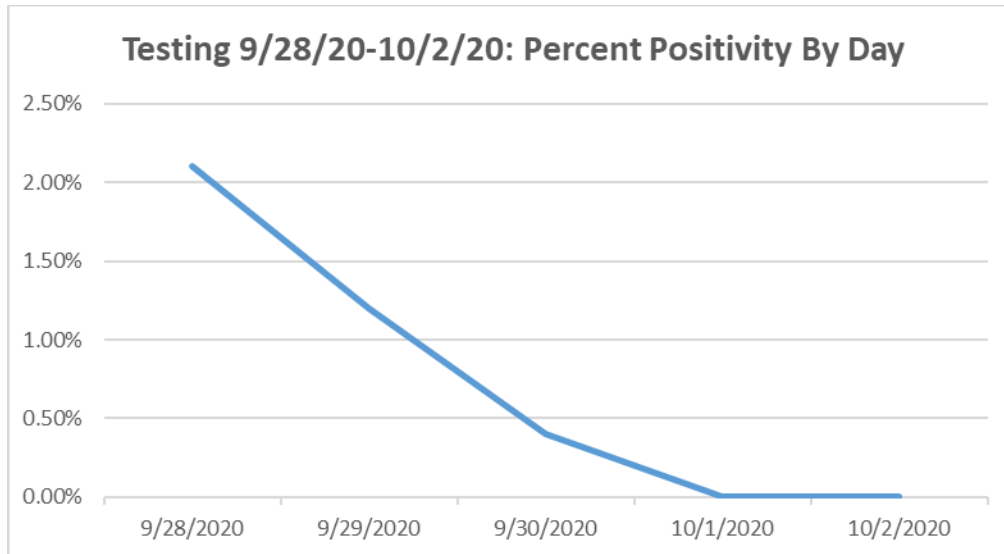


Dear Huskies,

We keep doing this.

I wanted to take a moment and share with you that, over the course of the last several days, our positivity rate has dropped to less than one percent. This reflects the results of over 1,400 COVID-19 tests administered by Student Health and Wellness on the Storrs campus.



The students included in this testing include residential and non-residential students on the Storrs campus. This low positivity rate is supported by our pooled and waste water sampling.

In a time of increased rates of infection, UConn has proven to be an outlier. With one of the largest residential populations and rate of in-person learning among flagships in the region, we have one of the lowest rates of COVID infection as of today.

We have done this together and I am particularly grateful to the students who have joined our exceptional medical and residential teams in this work. Together, we have followed universal precautions such as mask wearing and physical distancing. Together, you have made sacrifices including periodic quarantining, participating in pooled and surveillance testing, and, when necessary, isolation.

I am incredibly grateful to our students. UConn's plans, protocols, and practices can only be effective if our community follows them. And the vast majority of you did. Thank you for all that you have done to keep us safe and open. You have consistently made concessions and sacrifices as you keep yourself and other Huskies safe. We all love UConn and, because of your efforts, we remain open.

But: **this is not over**. There is much ahead. Your continued due diligence always matters. As Halloween approaches, please keep in mind [recent DPH guidance](#). It is critical that we avoid large gatherings and smaller inside gatherings. I know UConn loves Halloween and I'm thankful to students and colleagues who will be announcing safe and fun programming throughout Halloween weekend on the [uKindness website](#).

As students, you have defied all stereotypes associated with risky behavior. Of course you have. You should be proud and I am thankful for the future you will lead following the challenges of this pandemic.

I remain grateful to all of you. And concerned for your health. Please continue to be safe, care for one another, and follow our [UConn Promise](#).

Yours,

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