



Dear BUA students and families,

Things are getting better. With only two BUA positive tests this week, very few close contacts, and all students solidly back in the testing routine, we are hopeful that the worst of the omicron surge is behind us. That progress has allowed all of our basketball teams to return to competition and our actors to perform in front of in-person audiences. Of course, we will remain vigilant; the [BU COVID Dashboard](#) still shows a significant number of positive cases around campus, albeit at much lower rates than earlier this month. But I am optimistic about the coming weeks and immensely proud of how this community has rallied.

### **Recent Positive Tests Results**

Since I last [wrote on 1/21](#), we learned of two students who tested positive through BU testing. We have followed our typical protocols in all cases, including notification of close contacts and isolation of all community members who tested positive. We will continue weekly updates on positive cases and other changes for the time being.

### **Joining Classes by Zoom**

We will continue to offer students who are home because of COVID symptoms, positive tests, or close-contact status the option of joining classes by Zoom – if they are feeling well enough. Zoom will no longer be an option for students who are home because they have not met the twice-weekly testing requirement (see below). As always, our teachers will be flexible and patient with any student who misses school, for whatever reason. Please note, most University courses do not offer the option to join by Zoom, even for students in isolation following a positive test.

### **Continuing Twice-Weekly Testing**

As a reminder, students who do not **test Monday or Tuesday** will not be permitted to attend in-person classes or activities on Wednesday (but must come to campus for a test); students who do not **test Thursday or Friday** will not be permitted to attend classes on Monday, unless they have received a negative result from a weekend PCR test.

### **Booster Requirement**

A reminder that BUA requires all eligible students to receive a booster and **upload evidence of that booster by February 4 or as soon after that as eligibility allows**. For instructions on how to upload proof of a booster, please see the relevant section on the [BUA COVID Protocols](#) page. As we do for other required vaccinations, we will accommodate medical and religious exemptions to this policy.

## **Community Moments**

We are glad that so many of our students and families were able to attend the play last weekend and Friday's community skate at Walter Brown Arena. We look forward to seeing you on the sidelines of the basketball games too! Please see News and Notes for information about the upcoming semi-formal dance, cross-country skiing outing, and stargazing.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [academy@bu.edu](mailto:academy@bu.edu). You can find more details about BUA COVID protocols on this [page](#). Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher Kolovos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" and last name "Kolovos" clearly legible.

Chris Kolovos  
Head of School