



Dear BUA families,

We hope you had a restful and restorative break, and that you found time to celebrate the season with family and friends. As you prepare to return to school tomorrow, we are writing with a few reminders that we hope will make for a healthy and smooth transition into the new semester.

Given the recent rise in COVID cases locally, and following the guidance of the BUA Parent Health Advisory Group, we **strongly recommend that all BUA students take an at-home COVID test before returning to campus after winter break**. Any student who does not have access to an at-home test is welcome to request one at the front desk upon arrival on Wednesday morning. Please refer to [BUA's COVID Protocols](#) page for details on our policies.

This season has also seen a rise in cases of flu, RSV, and other respiratory illnesses. In an effort to keep our community healthy, **BUA students should stay home if they are sick**.

Some schools and districts have adopted a mask mandate for these early weeks of 2023. For the time being, **we will continue with our mask-optional policy**, but students should feel free to wear masks if that is the right decision for them and their families.

Lastly, the GSU food court will be **closed from January 4 through January 8, and will have limited dining options from January 9-16**. During this time, BUA students should plan to bring their own lunch or order from one of the open vendors (Rhett's, Rhett's Express, or City Convenience).

Please feel free to reach out to me ([dettorre@bu.edu](mailto:dettorre@bu.edu)) with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to welcoming you back tomorrow!

Best,

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