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Dear Iowa State Community,

Today we begin a momentous fall semester at Iowa State University. The ISU community has worked extremely hard for months on plans and preparations to prioritize health and safety and support students' desire to return to campus.

Now, it's up to all of us to make this semester as safe and successful as possible. We know there were large gatherings and parties over the weekend. Disregarding health and safety measures puts our community at risk and it jeopardizes our chances for successfully completing the semester in November.

Each of us must take personal responsibility to show that [Cyclones Care](#). I am asking you to practice and model these behaviors every day that will absolutely make a difference for our campus and community:

- Start each day by completing the [Symptom Checker](#) self-check.
- If you are ill, stay home.
- Wear your face covering – both on and off campus. Make sure it covers your mouth and nose. When in doubt, let the answer be: Simply wear one.
- Practice physical distancing everywhere possible – indoors and outside, and avoid large gatherings where distancing is difficult or impossible.
- Wash your hands often.
- **Wear your face covering.** It's important enough to say twice! Thank your fellow Cyclones for wearing theirs. Encourage your friends and colleagues to join us. Show you care by wearing your Cyclone pride on your face.



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If we all do our part, we can make the fall semester not only momentous, but truly memorable. Welcome to the beginning of another Iowa State academic year.

Wendy Wintersteen
President

P.S. For the past several years, our Office of Student Conduct and Student Wellness have partnered with the City of Ames and the business community on an educational campaign around participating in safe alcohol consumption at off-campus gatherings or parties. This fall, the campaign strongly emphasizes [“Party Smart,”](#) incorporating safety measures to reduce the risk to COVID-19. Please review and take these recommendations to heart.