



T H E S P I R E S
AT BERRY COLLEGE

March 23, 2021

Thank you for your continued support as we all work together to keep our community as safe as possible from COVID-19. We tested 56 people last week and had no new positive results!

As of this writing, Floyd County's positivity rate has gone back up to 4%. This just makes it so painfully obvious that this is not over, no matter how tired of this we are. Please stay diligent.

Families and friends can visit now. *IF* you are post 14 days of your second vaccine shot, your family and friends can visit in your home now. Please leave your masks on and socially distance as much as possible. You can actually hug each other after initial screening, hand sanitizing, and wearing masks. Not exactly like we used to get to hug but it is indeed much better than not touching each other at all. Please read that again...**IF** you are post 14 days of your second vaccine shot this paragraph pertains to you.

We are still not eating with guests at this time. We have to ensure that we are not bringing potential positive cases into the dining room where masks are off. Please be patient and know that one day we will be able to eat with families but NOT yet!

You will notice that we have started using our candles on our dinner tables. Most excitedly, we are finally using our lovely menu covers that we ordered last year but were never able to use! This will save so much paper. Our resident decorators will be creating some center pieces for the tables soon as well. Salt and pepper shakers and condiments are still not allowed but one day soon maybe the health department will help us on this! No updates have been received from the health department regarding dining and the guidelines for opening dining rooms *completely*.

Remember that anyone post-14 days of *both* rounds of the vaccine DOES NOT have to test any longer! Unless you have any symptoms or are in a situation that makes you uncomfortable because of size of event or close proximity to people you do not know, testing is no longer necessary!

The Governor has renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until April 6, 2021.

We kindly ask that you direct any questions or concerns to Tracy Cochran at 706-280-2410.

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