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Colleagues,

If you're like me, the past few days have felt like the longest two months of this interminable year. However you've navigated the drama of the national election—whether you've worn out your browsers searching for the latest vote results or sought distraction by binge-eating junk food and streaming reruns of Sponge Bob at three in the morning—I hope that you've made it to this Happy Friday in relatively good condition.

Unfortunately, while we've been watching the election, the spread of COVID-19 through our communities and state has continued largely unchecked. Hopefully, you've all seen the announcement of the new [rapid-result testing option](#) available to students, employees, and even community members. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. The university is also looking for employees willing to be reassigned to help staff this testing operation—not to perform testing per se, but rather to provide logistical assistance such as helping to manage traffic, packaging, and paperwork. If you can help, please discuss with your supervisor and contact [Corinna Neeb](#) to coordinate your availability.

As a reminder, we are still seeking feedback regarding your experience in teaching and serving students this fall. Please use [this survey](#), which will remain open through Sunday, November 8.

Finally, several folks have inquired about access to campus buildings following our Thanksgiving shift to fully virtual teaching and learning. I have confirmed with Facilities that all academic buildings will remain open as usual through the end of the fall semester. So, if you still need access to your classrooms, labs, and studios, this should be uninterrupted.

Thanks very much, everyone. I'm due for a lunch break. I'll be checking the latest vote counts with a large bag of potato chips and some cookies I baked last night around midnight!

Greg

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