SESE Community Conversation: 29 October 2021

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Current positive case count:

- 20 known positives among 19,146* faculty and staff, which is 0.1% confirmed positive.
- 76 known positives among our student body of 77,063 (excluding ASU Online), which is 0.1% confirmed positive. That compares with 83 in our last update.
    - 69 of the 76 are off campus in the metropolitan Phoenix area.
    - 5 are in isolation on the ASU Tempe campus, where 12,019 students live; 2 students are in isolation on the ASU Downtown Phoenix, ASU West or Polytechnic campuses. A total of 1,820 students live in university housing on the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus; 662 students live on the ASU West campus; and 890 students live on the ASU Polytechnic campus.

**Includes all full- and part-time employees from ASU, ASU Preparatory Academy and ASU Enterprise Partners.*

Compared to last month's case count:

- 31 known positives among 21,522* faculty and staff, which is 0.14% confirmed positive.
- 195 known positives among our student body of 77,063 (excluding ASU Online), which is 0.25% confirmed positive. That compares with 200 in our last update.
    - 172 of the 195 are off campus in the metropolitan Phoenix area.
    - 14 are in isolation on the ASU Tempe campus, where 12,017 students live; 9 students are in isolation on the ASU Downtown Phoenix, ASU West or Polytechnic campuses. A total of 1,822 students live in university housing on the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus; 664 students live on the ASU West campus; and 888 students live on the ASU Polytechnic campus.

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ASU receives federal grants and awards, requiring compliance with federal mandate:

- All employees must be vaccinated for COVID-19 by December 18, 2021
- Employees include undergraduate student workers and graduate students
- Employees at all ASU locations, on campus or working remotely
- If already vaccinated with your records uploaded, no action is needed; if not, you will be contacted by the university with guidance
- Exceptions for those with religious or medical accommodations on file with the university; please contact SESE HR if there are any questions

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ASU is in the process of implementing a new policy on flexible/hybrid work schedules for staff only:

- SESE HR has been in contact with all supervisors with guidelines for implementation
- Please contact SESE HR if there are any questions

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Partnership will help researchers better understand ocean health; ASU now has two research centers devoted to monitoring Atlantic, Pacific oceans

- A number of SESE faculty and researchers are already engaged in the ocean sciences.
- ASU's partnership with BIOS will allow new collaborative and research opportunities for Earth scientists in SESE.

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Office space: ASU, Blue Origin to create business park in orbit

Arizona State University is partnering with Blue Origin to create Orbital Reef, a mixed-use space station for commerce, research and tourism. The station will open new markets and make living and working in space a reality for more businesses, scientific efforts and nations.

The Orbital Reef space station. Image courtesy of Blue Origin Media.

- Partnership between Blue Origin and ASU, involving other industry partners (Boeing, Sierra Space, Redwire Space, & Genesis Engineering.
- ASU's Interplanetary Initiative will lead Orbital Reef's University Advisory Council (consortium of 14 universities) to provide research advisory services and public outreach & education opportunities.

Fall 2021 Community-wide Activities

Activities open to all SESE personnel during Fall 2021 (virtual unless noted otherwise):

- Monthly Community Conversations (Noon-1 PM on Dec 2)
- Monthly listening sessions with AD ICs (first Wednesday of each month, 10:20-11:30 AM)
- Weekly SESE Colloquium (Wed, 3:30-4:30 PM) – hybrid event (Marston Theater)
- Weekly Virtual Tea (Thurs, 2:00-2:30 PM)
- Weekly Engineering Coffee (Fri, 2:30-3:30 PM) - hybrid (ISTB4 692)
- Weekly Director's Open Office Hours (8-10 AM Fri)