



SESE Community Conversation: 2 December 2021

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Current positive case count:

- 33 known positives among 19,146* faculty and staff, which is 0.17% confirmed positive. That compares with 50 in our last update.
- 207 known positives among our student body of 77,063 (excluding ASU Online), which is 0.27% confirmed positive. That compares with 192 in our last update.
 - 196 of the 207 are off campus in the metropolitan Phoenix area.
 - 9 are in isolation on the ASU Tempe campus, where 11,956 students live; 2 students are in isolation on the ASU Downtown Phoenix, ASU West or Polytechnic campuses. A total of 1,809 students live in university housing on the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus; 662 students live on the ASU West campus; and 887 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 October-end case count:

- 20 known positives among 19,146* faculty and staff, which is 0.1% confirmed positive. That compares with 19 in our last update.
- 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.

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

- If already vaccinated with your records uploaded, no action is needed; if not, you will be contacted by the university with guidance.
- All employees must be vaccinated for COVID-19 with vaccination record uploaded to link provided in email from HR/Dean Kenney by January 4, 2022.
- Employees include undergraduate student workers and graduate students.
- Employees at all ASU locations, on campus or working remotely.
- Exceptions for those with religious or medical accommodations should be in process or on file with the university by January 4, 2022; please contact SESE HR if there are any questions.

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ASU has implemented a new policy on flexible/hybrid work schedules for staff only (<https://cfo.asu.edu/telecommuting-guidelines>). Flexible work arrangements:

- are not guaranteed even if the position is conducive to an alternative schedule.
- maintain productivity and quality of service for students, faculty and other university community members.
- will not negatively impact the university or department's culture, objectives, goals or workforce and leadership development activities.
- can be implemented if employee has demonstrated sustained high performance, and when the supervisor believes the employee can maintain the expected quantity and quality of work while working remotely.

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ASU Center for Meteorite Studies named in honor of acclaimed researcher Peter Buseck



November 17, 2021

Regents Professor [Peter Buseck](#) has an enduring and productive relationship with Arizona State University's [Center for Meteorite Studies](#).

Founded in 1961, the center is one of ASU's first established research institutes and houses one of the world's largest university-based meteorite collections. Over the past 60 years, meteorites from the collection have been used in scientifically important research, from probing the history of the solar system and its evolution, to the existence of extraterrestrial organic compounds and water, to the origins of life.



Recently, the Center for Meteorite Studies was named in Buseck's honor, now known as the Buseck Center for Meteorite Studies

"Meteorites are important because they provide insight into the surfaces and interiors of other planets, processes that went on when the solar system was forming, and which organic compounds — such as certain amino acids — were transported by meteorites from space to Earth," said Buseck.

Buseck, with faculty appointments in ASU's School of Earth and Space Exploration and the School of Molecular Sciences, has a long connection with meteoritics. His first paper on meteorites in the journal *Science* was published in 1968.

Throughout his nearly six-decade career at ASU, he and

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SESE Leadership Team transitions:

Thanks to Patrick Young and Hilairy Hartnett for serving as Acting ADs for Inclusive Community this semester!



Welcome to Evan Scannapieco as AD for an Inclusive Community starting Jan 1, 2022



Community-wide Activities for Spring 2021

- Activities open to all SESE personnel during (virtual unless noted otherwise):
 - Monthly Community Conversations (Noon-1 PM on last Thursday of Jan-March); State of SESE (last Wednesday of April, 3:30-4:30 PM)
 - Monthly listening sessions with AD IC (first Wednesday of each month, 10:20-11:30 AM)
 - Weekly SESE Colloquium (Wed, 3:30-4:30 PM) – hybrid (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)