"Charlottesville area becomes an island of low COVID cases while the rest of Virginia surges"



"This map shows the positivity rate of COVID-19 tests in Virginia's health districts. The pink area in the middle is the Thomas Jefferson Health District. Positivity rate is one measure that shows how well a community has contained the spread of coronavirus. The TJHD conducts a comparably *high number of tests* compared to other health districts because of the 1,000 a week given to students by the University of Virginia."



Source: Charlottesville Tomorrow, November 12, 2020; https://www.cvilletomorrow.org/articles/charlottesville-area-becomes-an-island-of-low-covid-cases-while-the-rest-of-virginia-surges/

Priorities for 2020-21

1. Manage response to COVID-19

- a. Work to ensure safe continuation of our core mission
- b. Assess and address fiscal and budgetary impact
- c. Identify innovations to continue forward

2. Advance key initiatives of 2030 strategic plan

- a. Emmet-Ivy (landscape, School of Data Science, Hotel/Conference Center, Democracy Institute)
- b. Interdisciplinary Research Space and Research Priorities
- c. NOVA
- d. 2nd year housing
- e. Student Health and Wellness (including completing construction, opening building, and launching new programming)
- f. Good Neighbor initiatives (including center for community partnerships, affordable housing)

3. Advance the Honor the Future campaign

- a. Continue to cultivate support despite pandemic and economic uncertainty
- b. Focus on key priorities: scholarships, university professorships, support for students interested in public service, interdisciplinary research space, and the Democracy Institute

4. Identify next round of SIF investments, focused on:

a. Matching funds for scholarships and faculty chairs

- b. Seeding research and research infrastructure
- c. Strategic faculty and post-doc recruitment
- d. Teaching innovations
- e. NOVA infrastructure

5. Advance key initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion

- a. Create and charge naming and memorials committee
- b. Faculty, staff, and student diversity efforts
- c. Support, with College, of Carter Woodson Institute
- d. Programming focused on racial equity and conversations across lines of difference, including political and ideological

6. Help recruit and onboard key new leaders

- a. Steve Farmer, Vice Provost for Enrollment
- b. New Vice President for Student Affairs
- c. New Deans for Medical, Architecture, and Engineering Schools

7. Assist UVA Health

- a. Fostering New Partnerships
- b. Strategic Planning
- 8. Assist UVA Wise in strategic planning