

PROTECT THE 'NECKS III

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Protect the 'Necks Pledge

Being a part of the Leatherneck community during challenging times means we strive to protect ourselves, our University, and our communities, especially those who are vulnerable. It is with our fighting Leatherneck spirit that we ask you to pledge to stop the spread of COVID-19.

I Pledge To:

I pledge to protect myself. I will:

- Carefully consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine and any eligible boosters.
- Monitor myself daily for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Report any symptoms to a medical professional.
- Wash my hands with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer often.
- Keep informed of WIU updates and procedural changes related to COVID-19.
- Consider getting a flu shot this fall. (Symptoms of influenza and COVID-19 are very similar. This makes it more difficult, time consuming, and expensive for medical professionals to make the correct diagnosis if I become ill.)

I pledge to protect my Leatherneck Community. I will:

- Stay home if I feel ill or if I knowingly have been exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19.
- Complete the WIU COVID-19 Self Reporting Form if I become positive with COVID-19.
- Have an appropriate face covering with me at all times when on WIU's campuses, and I will comply when requested to wear a face covering.
- Assist to keep shared common spaces and workstations clean.
- Not assume an individual's vaccination status, exposure, or symptomatic status based on whether or not a face covering is worn.
- Participate in testing and/or quarantine/isolation processes if instructed to do so by the University, McDonough, or Rock Island County health departments, and/or the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Be positive, attentive, and helpful to anyone around who may need support.

We will continue the fight the COVID-19 pandemic and rally together to keep one another safe. We are Leathernecks!

Find WIU COVID-19 updates at [wiu.edu/coronavirus](https://www.wiu.edu/coronavirus)