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English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

- A **highly contagious** (very infectious) COVID-19 **variant** (similar type) is now in Dane County.
- There has been a **significant** (very important) **spike** (increase) in COVID-19 cases among UW-Madison students.
- To keep the virus from spreading, we need to **consistently** (regularly, always) follow health **measures** (rules) such as wearing masks, washing hands, keeping distance, and avoiding gatherings.

Learn more:

February is Black History Month. Read about black history **milestones** (important dates) here:

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-milestones>



Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to respond to someone who is angry:

- I'm sorry you are upset.
- I see you are frustrated.
- Can I do anything to help?
- Would it help to talk to someone?
- Take a deep breath!
- Try to stay calm.
- Please be respectful.
- Let's try to find a solution.



For Fun:

Register here for the **free** virtual international festival from the Overture Center on Saturday, Feb. 27:

<https://www.overture.org/events/international-festival>



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