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August 6, 2020: Covid-19 Campus Update

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The COVID-19 Response Team continues to work with Genesee County Public Health Department and with the Office of the President to adapt to the situation as it evolves and to provide our community with the most current information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The University is fully committed to the health and safety of its entire community, and will continue to closely monitor this situation and any others that impact our campus.

— August 6 Update —

On July 31, three students received free COVID-19 testing after visiting the Wellness Center. The results of those tests were received Aug. 5, and one has been identified as positive (the other two were negative).

That student, who lives off campus, has been asked to self-isolate and is not allowed on campus until retested by the University. Contact tracing conducted by the University in coordination with Genesee County health officials is currently underway. Any students, faculty or staff who may have had direct contact with the student will be notified and asked to self-isolate.

In addition, on Aug. 5, another off-campus student presented symptoms and was tested immediately. This student and roommates are self-isolating and will not be allowed on campus until results are confirmed (typically 3-5 business days). As a precaution, the initial contact tracing process has also begun on this student.

Testing and Reported Cases Protocol

If cases of COVID-19 are identified within the campus community, the University is using protocols outlined in the [Return to Campus Playbook](#) to identify potential exposure, to contact trace, and to quarantine impacted individuals. (The Playbook and other updates are available at kettering.edu/covid-19).

Due to privacy and other concerns, not all details of the University's response to a particular incident will be made public, but we are committed to providing our community with timely and current information as appropriate regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on our campus.

As testing dates are scheduled, communication and details have been sent directly via email and shared with the entire community in the University's internal newsletter, Bulldog Weekly. Students requesting a test outside of scheduled dates can contact the Wellness Center, and employees can contact Human Resources. Current campus status and case reports may be found at kettering.edu/covid-19/case-reports.

Stay Safe, Stay Updated

The University's [Safe Return to Campus Guidelines for Students & Employees](#) information sheet available on our website describes requirements and critical safety measures that are required of everyone in the campus community during this time. Please review them regularly, as additions to the document are made regularly. Please email questions to covid-19@kettering.edu.

