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SAFE RETURN TO CAMPUS

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The COVID-19 Response Team and University leadership continue to closely monitor the local, state and national situation in consultation with health experts and in accordance to government guidelines. If conditions change, the University will alter plans to ensure the safety of the campus community.

Fall Term 2020 classes begin on October 5. As the University's COVID-19 Response Team continues to finalize details for the fall, please carefully review these updates.

Co-op Adjustments to Remain Same for Fall Term

The current Co-op special circumstances policy put in place the Summer Term will be applied for Fall Term as well. Co-op credit will be given for Co-op that is at least four weeks (160 hours) with the approval of the Director of Cooperative Education. Students who work less than four weeks (160 hours), are seeking Experiential Learning consideration or have other circumstances should contact their Co-op manager to discuss the situation. For more information and details, go to kettering.edu/covid-19/co-op.

Course Delivery for Fall Term

Similar to what was offered in Summer Term, courses will be delivered in face-to-face (with live video streaming) and virtual:

- **Face-to-Face Classes:** A majority of the classes are to be offered face-to-face. To provide the best in-person class experiences to the students and to ensure the safety of faculty and students, all face-to-face classes will not exceed the classroom size with social distancing guidelines in place. For the classes and labs that enrollment does not exceed room capacity, all students can attend, in person, all class and lab sessions. For large classes that enrollment exceeds the student capacity of a given classroom, faculty will contact students with information about attending face-to-face classes before the term starts and when the class roster is finalized. If a student chooses to take a face-to-face course via “Live Video Stream” (defined below) for the term, the student must inform the instructor during the first week of classes. The instructor may assign the vacant seat to another student who wishes to take the class face-to-face. Once the choice is made, respective attendance policies apply.
- **Live Video Streamed Classes:** All face-to-face classes will be live streamed and recorded as supplemental learning materials.
- **Virtual Classes:** A small portion of the classes will be offered virtually via Bb Collaborate. Classes (with a few exceptions) offered virtually do not have lab components associated with them. An exception is those classes (very few) that

only use computer labs for modeling and simulations. All computer labs are made virtual so that students can remotely access them from their own computing devices.

New for Fall Term will be the implementation of a policy in which both in-person and virtual attendances will be taken. Enforcing attendance not only encourages the students' participation, but also is extremely important for contact tracing in case a possible exposure is discovered.

Details regarding classroom capacities, labs and more will be in future updates and the Fall Term 2020 Playbook.

Thompson Hall Move-In for Fall Term

Thompson Hall Move-In for Fall Term 2020 is scheduled for October 3-4. Existing safety procedures and policies utilized for Summer Term Move-In will be repeated, including these key highlights:

- All students will receive appointment times for arrival and move-in.
- Before arriving on campus, residents will be required to take their temperature and answer health questions
- If a student does not feel well, is currently sick or answers “yes” to any of the health questions, they are asked to remain home and contact the Director of Residence Life at reslife@kettering.edu for alternative move-in arrangements.
- Any student that does not pass the on-campus screening will meet with the Dean of Students to develop alternative plans.
- All Thompson Hall residents are required to undergo COVID-19 testing during move-in.
- More than one person may accompany a student to campus and will be required to be screened. But only one identified helper will be allowed to physically go into Thompson Hall with the student for the move-in process. For the safety of our residential community, we are limiting the amount of people in Thompson Hall. Any additional supporters will be asked to wait in the Sunset Room (CC).
- All residents will be assigned single rooms.
- Social distancing and safety protocols will be enforced
- In addition to the standard Return-to-Campus kit (two washable Bulldog face masks, hand sanitizer, a no-touch tool, and a forehead thermometer), students will receive one welcome kit with:
 - Student's ID card and lanyard (ID must be worn while on campus)
 - Parking permit
 - Other items normally received during New Student Orientation

More move-in details have been communicated directly by the Office of Student Affairs with students and their families this past week.

Reminder - Open Testing Available September 2

Free COVID-19 testing will again be made available to any student or employee who is concerned about potential exposure to the coronavirus or who simply would like the peace of mind of being tested.

Open testing will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Abbey (Campus Center). No pre-registration is required, but participants must present their Kettering ID.

Stay Informed, Stay Safe

To ensure our community stays safe and is informed with the latest information, everyone is expected to:

- Read all emails from the University as well as the campus-wide e-newsletter Bulldog Weekly (sent on Tuesdays to all students, staff and faculty).
- Regularly check the University's [Safe Return to Campus](#) page at [website](#) and [my.kettering.edu](#).
- Sign up for [Kettering Alerts](#).
- Practice safe measures (by wearing your mask at ALL times while on campus and social distancing) whether on or off campus.
- Be open and truthful when completing your daily health screening.
- STAY HOME if you experience even one of the CDC identified symptoms of COVID-19 (you can find the list [here](#)).
- STAY IN YOUR ROOM if you live in Thompson Hall and experience symptoms. Contact the Wellness Center for further direction.

Questions? Email welcomebackbulldogs@kettering.edu

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