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SAFE RETURN TO CAMPUS

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September 18, 2020

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 with 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.

Mental Health Resources For Students & Employees

Free services to help students and employees deal with anxiety, stress and other mental health concerns are available now and for the upcoming Fall Term.

Students – The Wellness Center provides individual counseling to students who experience psychological, behavioral or learning difficulties whenever they occur – this includes COVID-19 related issues. A nurse and counselor are available for in-person and Telehealth appointments 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment to see the counselor in person, by phone or virtually, call the Wellness Center at (810) 762-9650. Students can also call the Student Assistance Program (SAP) at (855) 774-4700 anytime to speak directly to a licensed mental health specialist.

Employees - The University's employee assistance provider, Ulliance, is available to any employee or a family member facing personal or professional challenges. This free and confidential service is available 24/7 by calling (800) 448-8326.

Additional recommended support on various subjects can be found online at the nonprofit Mental Health America website:

- [Transition to Remote](#)
- [Life On Campus](#)
- [How to Handle Being Back at Home](#) (tips for both students and employees)

Additional COVID-19 Testing Dates For Fall Term

September dates have been added for additional testing for employees and students. All testing is free and will be conducted in the Campus Center (room locations TBD) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Employees (which includes full-time, part-time, casual and Kettering University student workers), residential students of Thompson Hall and new students will be required to undergo free COVID-19 testing on campus before the beginning of Fall

Term 2020. Off-campus residents (including Greek Life) and returning students are strongly encouraged to also be tested.

Testing is also required of previously tested faculty and staff on campus for Summer Term who will be on campus during Fall Term.

Dates for testing:

- **Monday, September 28 and Tuesday, September 29:** Employees and any student wanting to be tested (sign-up required, link to be sent via email)
 - **Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2** – Employees and any student wanting to be tested (sign-up required, link to be sent via email).
 - **Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4** – Thompson Hall residents and new students during Move-In (no sign-up).
 - **Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6** – Optional, yet strongly recommended, testing for any returning students (sign-up required, link to be sent via email).
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Thompson Hall – Looking Ahead To Winter/Spring 2021

The University has received some inquiries about whether or not the current suspension of our first-year student on-campus residency requirement will be in place for Winter/Spring Terms 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation locally, statewide and nationally throughout this next term and will communicate any decisions as early as possible to help students and their families plan accordingly.

Reminder: Masks, IDs Are Required While On Campus

Per University policy for Summer Term and Fall Term, all students and employees are required to wear masks and abide by six-foot social distancing guidelines while on campus. This includes in common areas, study spaces and elevators. In addition, Kettering IDs should be visible at check-in.

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).
 - Review the Fall Term 2020 Playbook now available online in a [downloadable .pdf](#) form as well as searchable sections on the University's [website](#). The Playbook is a living document and is revised frequently, so please review it regularly for changes.
 - 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.
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