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— November 3 Update —

Contact Tracing Update

Out of an abundance of respect for the health of our community, and to give our teams sufficient time to ensure that all individuals potentially exposed recently were identified and tested, we temporarily suspended our delivery of face-to-face instruction on-campus for three days: Friday, Oct. 30, through Tuesday, Nov. 3.

We have successfully completed contact tracing for our established cases, and as a result, two fraternities as well as a few individuals are currently in quarantine. These individuals and the two houses will quarantine for a period established by the Wellness Center; after which they will be retested before they are permitted to return to campus.

All students who have been identified, contacted, and tested through contact tracing **should remain in self-quarantine until they have been released by the Wellness Center**, pending their test results.

We are continuing to test specific individuals this week in both the Abbey and with drive-through testing. These tests are by appointment only. Students who elect to get tested outside of the University are asked to report the results to the Wellness Center, employees who do so are asked to report their results to HR.

All University test results are posted on the Case Reports page on our website at kettering.edu/covid-19/case-reports.

Campus Operations Resume Wednesday

The quarantine for Thompson Hall residents ends tonight. Students in Thompson Hall not contacted through contact tracing will again be permitted to access campus as of tomorrow, Wednesday, Nov. 4.

We will return to normal class operations (meaning, as we were before this week's pause) tomorrow, Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The number of cases in Michigan and in the U.S. more broadly continues to increase. It has never been more important that everyone in our community observes all COVID-19 safe personal and group practices, including wearing face coverings, keeping gatherings small, washing your hands, and continuing to minimize your opportunities for exposure.

Maintaining this discipline is especially important in group living environments. In-person gatherings greatly increase the potential risk of becoming infected with or spreading COVID-19.

Thank you to all members of our community who have been following public health guidelines and who have been working to keep our community healthy.

Stay Safe, Stay Updated

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 (online in a [downloadable .pdf](#) form) as well as searchable sections on the University's [website](#). All updates, include these emails, are posted on the website.
 - 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.
 - It is vital that everyone be honest and accurate in your [daily health screening](#). This is a compact of personal responsibility you undertake as part of the Kettering community.
 - 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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The COVID-19 Response Team continues to work with the Genesee County Public Health Department and with the Office of the President to adapt to the situation as it evolves and 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.

In addition to providing updates on a regular basis, the team meets regularly to review, evaluate and address immediate and future issues related to the pandemic. Members of the team, which includes students, faculty and staff, are listed [here](#) on the University's website.

If you have questions, email welcomedbackbulldogs@kettering.edu.
