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October 7, 2020: Covid-19 Campus Update

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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 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.

— October 7 Update —

Fall Term Testing Results

In preparation for Fall Term, the University offered free COVID-19 testing to all students, faculty, and staff.

During the period of October 1-5, 573 tests were conducted. All results were negative with the exception of one positive case of an off-campus student during optional testing on Oct. 5. That student and those with sustained exposure to the student are in self-isolation and will not be allowed on campus until after receiving two follow-up tests with negative results. The contact tracing process on that student began immediately upon notification of the test result. In addition, there was one employee test with insufficient sample that is being retested (counted as part of overall testing, but not negative or positive).

All testing results are documented as soon as results are received on the University website's **Case Reports** page. Since June, the University has provided more than 2,000 free COVID-19 tests to the Kettering community. As updates are available, they will be communicated promptly and directly via email and posted on the website. Please see below for Testing and Reported Cases Protocol.

Stay Safe Requirements

The University commends and is proud of everyone taking advantage of the free COVID-19 testing. Through your actions, on and off campus, you have shown self-responsibility and a shared commitment to keeping Kettering safe.

In doing so, everyone must continue to adhere to required safety protocols including wearing of a mask and social distancing at all times while on campus (and strongly encouraged to do so off campus). This includes social distancing of six feet with a mask on while in enclosed areas like d-spaces, offices, interior corridors, exterior smoking zones, and other common areas.

Testing and Reported Cases Protocol

If cases of COVID-19 are identified within the campus community, the University is using protocols outlined in the **Fall Term 2020 Safe 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.

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 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.

If you have questions, email **welcomebackbulldogs@kettering.edu**.