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October 9, 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.

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Contact Tracing Update

The off-campus student who tested positive during optional testing on October 5 remains in self-isolation. As a result of the contact tracing process, the University is communicating and scheduling tests for those who may have potentially been in contact with the student.

Results from Tuesday, Oct. 6

All 81 students and employees who were tested on Oct. 6 were negative.

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.

Additional Open Testing for Students Next Week

Free COVID-19 testing will be available to all and any students from 1:15 to 4 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 12** in the Abbey (Campus Center). This is walk-in, no appointment necessary testing that takes no more than five minutes and is painless.

You may have heard that being tested is painful, so you might have been reluctant to use our free testing service. The test the University uses is both highly accurate, and not at all painful! You may experience a slight momentary discomfort, but it is not that bad. Just ask anyone who has had one here. And the benefit of being tested can be huge - for you, for your friends and loved ones, as well as for the Kettering community as a whole. If you haven't been, please get tested!

As more testing dates are scheduled, communication and details will be 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.

Campus is Closed to Visitors Without Approval

In our ongoing effort to keep the campus community safe, this is a reminder that the existing policy stating that no visitors are allowed on campus without prior approval by Human Resources is still in effect. Anyone who is not a student or employee is considered a visitor.

The University visitor restrictions and protocols are outlined in the [Fall Term 2020 Safe Return to Campus Playbook](#).

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 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.

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