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## **October 16, 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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### — October 16 Update —

#### COVID-19 Testing Results From This Week

Of the 107 students and employees who were tested on Oct. 12 and Oct. 13, all were negative with the exception of the Oct. 5 positive student who was retested and remains positive. The positive student will not be allowed on campus until after receiving two negative follow-up tests.

Also included in testing this week was the insufficient sample retest from an employee on Oct. 5 (result was 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.

The University continues to schedule testing as needed. Students requesting a test outside of scheduled dates can contact the Wellness Center, and employees can contact Human Resources.

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#### False Rumor About Mask Violations

Recent rumors of the University enforcing mask-wearing by hiring photographers to catch students without masks and fining students for not wearing masks are FALSE.

***To be clear, everyone is required to wear a face mask over their noses and mouths while on campus. That has been the requirement since the return to campus for the Summer Term, and that has not changed. Also, even with a face mask on, everyone must socially distance (six feet apart).***

Everyone is encouraged to remind their classmates and colleagues to wear their masks as the rules and guidelines are there to protect all of us.

If we are to continue to be the exception to what other schools are dealing with and keep COVID-19 off our campus, we must continue to be proactive, responsible, and diligent in our safety practices.

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## Pool-villion Guidelines

Anyone using the Pool-villion tents outside of the Campus Center must abide by campus requirements for face masks and social distancing. In addition, you are asked to follow the guidelines posted inside both tents.

Tables, chairs and heaters are not to be moved. Chairs are not to be added to tables to accommodate more people at the table. The tables and chairs are placed in specific locations to be socially distanced for the safety of our community.

If you turn on a heater, please turn it off when you leave.

Anyone wanting to host a meeting or event in the Pool-vilion tents can email [events@kettering.edu](mailto:events@kettering.edu) to schedule a time.

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## 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, includes 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.
- 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 [welcomedbackbulldogs@kettering.edu](mailto:welcomedbackbulldogs@kettering.edu).

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