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October 25, 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 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 include student, faculty and staff representatives and are listed [here](#) on the University's website.

— October 25 Update —

Positive Case in Thompson Hall

A Thompson Hall student resident that has not been on campus since Oct. 22 has tested positive.

That student and any of that student's direct contacts have been identified, contacted, and are currently under quarantine per our protocol.

We have scheduled required COVID-19 testing on Monday and Tuesday for ALL Thompson Hall residents. In addition, any faculty, staff or student on campus who wishes to be tested may also do so during this time.

As a precautionary measure and until further notice, we are also restricting access to Thompson Hall to Thompson Hall residents only. No non-resident visitors will be permitted at any time without specific advance authorization from the Dean of Students.

Until the results of testing are known and have been evaluated, Thompson Hall residents will also be restricted from all other areas of campus, with the exception of limited and scheduled access to the Campus Center for food service.

During this period, all Thompson Hall residents will attend classes virtually, and the Provost has notified the Faculty of this situation and its potential to impact students' access to classes and labs.

NOTE: Contrary to rumor, students are NOT being asked to move out of Thompson Hall nor is Thompson Hall closing.

Furthermore, there is no reason for anyone in the community to be unduly

concerned at this time. Our staff response to this situation has been prompt and comprehensive, and our students have responded with maturity by following our protocols and directions. We are following protocols and procedures developed as part of our Safe Return to Campus plan, and this situation is evolving consistent with that planning.

We will continue to provide updates to the Campus community as the situation evolves.

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.

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

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