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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.

— October 29 Update —

Results of This Week's COVID-19 Testing

The following are updates related to recent COVID-19 testing held on campus:

- A total of 277 students and employees were tested Monday (Oct. 26) and Tuesday (Oct. 27).
 - One employee has tested positive and is in self-quarantine off-campus until receiving two negative results. Contact tracing is occurring now.
 - Five members of Delta Tau Delta have tested positive, and the contact tracing process is happening now.
 - The house is in quarantine, and all members will be required to be tested and take all classes virtually with no access to campus. Testing will be conducted at the house today for members.
 - IMPORTANT: Delta Tau Delta recently held Rush events on Oct. 20 and Oct. 22. ANYONE who participated in these events should restrict their activities and contact the Wellness Center immediately at (810) 762-9650 to schedule a follow-up COVID-19 test. You should do so regardless of whether or not you were tested recently for other reasons.
 - We are in the process of scheduling further open testing dates and times for the campus. These will be announced as soon as information is available.
 - Those who tested positive will be required to have TWO negative test results before being allowed back on campus. Identified contacts and those currently in quarantine as a precaution will be allowed back on campus following one negative test result. Student Affairs is coordinating with the

chapter president to provide guidance, support and services to house members during the quarantine.

- At this time and until further notice, Thompson Hall residents remain restricted to Thompson Hall and the Campus Center. A small number of Thompson Hall students still need to be tested or need to be retested; these students are being contacted and will be scheduled for (re)testing immediately.
- All of the students who attended an off-campus party the weekend of Oct. 16 have received negative tests.

As we've said before, there is no reason for anyone in the community to be unduly concerned at this time. Protocols and procedures developed as part of our Safe Return to Campus plan have been put into place immediately to identify, notify, and isolate positive cases and any direct contacts. Students and staff are overwhelming following safety guidelines to keep our community safe.

We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Temperature Checks Required Before Entering Campus

As part of the University's safety protocol, everyone must take their temperature BEFORE arriving on campus, and certify they have done so with our sign-in app.

Don't violate the trust of other campus community members by just swiping the question to make it go away — help ensure the safety and health of your classmates and colleagues by taking your temperature each day and answering all questions on the health check HONESTLY and ACCURATELY. Whether or not you have a fever higher than 100.4 is the first question on the daily health check for a reason.

Answering all questions is part of our shared commitment to the health and safety of everyone on campus. It is vital that everyone is honest and accurate in the [daily health screening](#). This is a compact of personal responsibility you undertake as part of the Kettering community, and accurate completion of the check a condition of accessing University facilities and resources.

Everyone will have their temperature checked at entry points to campus in addition to showing their green screen approving them to enter campus.

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.

