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SAFE RETURN TO CAMPUS

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May 29, 2020

Today's update comes from Tom Ayers, who as Vice President for Administration & Finance oversees Human Resources, campus facilities, maintenance, dining services, and safety among other departments.

As we plan for the return of students to campus for Summer Term, our overarching goal is **excellent service with excellent safety**. The University is committed to providing excellent services to students and constituents while providing excellent safety for everyone.

In the coming days and weeks, we will provide more information on expectations and guidelines for how we all operate when we are on campus based on our mutual commitment to Kettering values. This will include topics such as the use of face masks, points of entry/exit to buildings, and adjustments to dining services. Recognizing that we may be of diverse opinion about the need for any particular approach to safety, we will ask and expect everyone to follow the issued guidelines out of a sense of respect for other members of our campus community. We are confident that the entire Kettering community will rise to this challenge and diligently work to maintain a safe environment for all.

The following campus updates address issues relevant to students, staff, and faculty.

Remote Working Extension to June 15

In accordance with Governor Whitmer extending the Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order through June 12, the University will delay the beginning date of employees transitioning back to campus until Monday, June 15. Additional information for department heads regarding transitioning staff back to campus will be forthcoming from the Human Resource Office. Our objective is to have those employees deemed essential and who must be on campus to provide excellent service begin a phased return to campus in mid-June as appropriate for the start of the Summer Term with all other employees continuing to work remotely. This arrangement will then be monitored and adjusted in light of new developments and needs.

Safe Return to Campus Preparations currently underway:

Safety equipment

We have acquired Bulldog branded face masks for all employees and students. Two of



these washable masks will be given to every employee and student. Additional paper face masks have been acquired to be available at multiple locations across the campus in case there is a need for anyone, such as a visitor or someone forgetting their Bulldog mask.

Additional hand sanitizer stations are in the process of being installed across the campus.

All employees and students will receive a special Return to Campus Kit that includes Bulldog face masks, hand sanitizer, no-touch tool, forehead thermometer strips, and more.

Social distance measures

Signage to identify and remind us all to appropriately social distance are being placed in various higher traffic areas, restrooms, and at elevators and stairways. Workspace modifications are underway in consultation with department heads and will be completed ahead of June 15. These safety precautions include the installation of sneeze guards, relocation of furniture, addition of pedestrian barriers, etc.

Testing

Hand-held infrared thermometers have been purchased to assist in screening processes.

Access to free on-campus COVID-19 testing has been arranged sufficient to serve all employees and students.

Questions? Email welcomedbackbulldogs@kettering.edu

To see the current status of the University, read all updates, search FAQs and learn more about the Safe Return to Campus, go to kettering.edu/covid-19

