

*from the desk of*

**President Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.**

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September 14, 2020

Hello, Coppin Family:

Over the past few weeks, as I venture throughout campus, I continue to be highly encouraged by your dedication to observe and follow the university's protocols that are designed to guard the safety and well-being of our campus community. Your commitment to self-accountability reaffirms that Coppin has the best students, faculty and staff - period. For that, I thank you.

I am extremely impressed by the dedication of our students and employees who have shown enormous responsibility and care for each other in observing established protocols and observing social distancing. One thing that is certain, this year, is the great uncertainty regarding the length and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic. Remember that we can't let up!

In continuing our efforts to help keep the Coppin campus community as safe as possible, we are launching a COVID-19 Visitor Center. Beginning today, all visitors who come to the campus will be directed to the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium entrance and box office, where a staff member will greet them to inform them of our campus COVID-19 protocols, including submission of a symptom assessment form, verify that they have a mask or other face covering (masks will be provided, if needed), and direct them to their location of interest since all buildings will only be accessible through the use of the CSU Eagle ID card.

The COVID-19 Visitor Center will be open from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and details regarding the operation and location will be available on the CSU website. Visitors will also have the opportunity to complete the symptom assessment online, prior to coming to the campus. Any questions related to the COVID-19 Visitor Center should be directed to [COVID-19@coppin.edu](mailto:COVID-19@coppin.edu).

#### **COVID-19 Testing**

Keep in mind that all students, faculty, staff, and campus vendor employees who will be reporting to campus, for any reason, must provide monthly coronavirus test results to designated university personnel. September COVID-19 campus testing will be held on the following dates:

September 17

September 18

All students, faculty, staff, and campus vendor employees must provide confirmation of negative test results by September 25. For September, your most recent test must have been conducted on or after September 8, 2020.

[Schedule your appointment](#)

Testing on campus will continue to be required, monthly, throughout the semester, and will be provided to faculty, staff, and students through the CSU Community Health Center, at no cost.

Students can submit confirmation of testing and results to the CSU Community Health Center at [healthcenter@coppin.edu](mailto:healthcenter@coppin.edu).

Employees can submit confirmation of testing and results to the CSU Community Health Center at [AskHR@coppin.edu](mailto:AskHR@coppin.edu).

Vendor employees should submit testing confirmation to their designated university point of contact.

Questions regarding testing or results should be directed to the Health Center at 410-951-4188.

If you are unable to have your test done on campus, this [link](#) provides other area locations that can accommodate you for testing, at no cost. Testing must have been conducted within 14 days of the date of submission of your results to the university.

If you need to report to campus but are unable to be tested by September 25, students should contact the Community Health Center at 410-951-4188, and employees should contact Human Resources at 410-951-3666 or email [AskHR@coppin.edu](mailto:AskHR@coppin.edu). Do not report to the campus until you have contacted either of these departments and received further instruction.

Keep in mind the simplest and best practices to protect yourself and others against the spread of coronavirus:

- Daily symptom monitoring, which can be done using one of the links, below:  
[Student Online Assessment](#)  
[Employee Online Assessment](#)
- Use of a mask or face covering inside campus buildings and outside on campus grounds, in accordance with local orders
- Physical distancing of at least six feet between individuals
- Compliance with local guidance on events and gatherings
- Vigilant hand hygiene (washing, sanitizing, limited face-touching)

As of September 11, 2020, we have 6 confirmed, currently active positive campus cases of COVID-19, and we have taken and will continue to take measures that ensure the well-being of our campus. The CSU COVID-19 Task Force and I continue to work closely with the University System of Maryland as well as state and federal agencies to inform our decision-making and share the latest available information.

Any questions related to Coppin State's COVID-19 preparations and protocols can be submitted to [COVID-19@coppin.edu](mailto:COVID-19@coppin.edu).

Thank you for your enduring patience and flexibility as we navigate the safest path for our campus.

Be safe and remain Coppin Strong: Masks On!

Sincerely,



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