



*from the desk of*

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

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Coppin Family:

Together, our campus-wide commitment to stay safe during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has been a success, thus far. The campus coronavirus positivity rate is just .06 percent. I thank you for your continued and incredible displays of responsibility and accountability and for holding strong to the university, state, and federal guidelines for staying safe. While we are not out of the woods, we are faring well. Let's stay strong, and keep the momentum going!

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

Last week, I indicated that we would move to testing individuals, every two weeks. However, for now, we will continue testing once a month, until further notice. As the nature of this pandemic is ever-changing, so are our plans, as we work to establish and maintain the safest protocols possible. We will update the campus if and when testing frequency changes.

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

Our next testing dates are October 15 and 16.

[Book appointment](#)

All students, faculty, staff, and campus vendor employees who will be reporting to campus, for any reason, must provide confirmation of October testing to designated university personnel by October 23. Your most recent testing must have been conducted on or after October 12, 2020. Those who are unable to provide confirmation of testing by October 23 should contact the [community health center](#) for further instructions. Do not report to campus unless you have confirmed October testing.

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

Employees should 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. Please, do not send test results or any other health-related information to the [COVID-19@coppin.edu](mailto:COVID-19@coppin.edu) email account. Questions regarding testing or results should be directed to the Health Center at 410-951-4188.

If you are unable to be tested on campus, this [link](#) provides other area locations that can accommodate your 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, 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 October 12, 2020, we have 0 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.

Please, continue to monitor our website at [coppin.edu/coronavirus](http://coppin.edu/coronavirus) for details and updates. 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 continued patience and flexibility. Continue to take care of each other. It's working!

Be safe and remain Coppin Strong: Masks On!

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
President  
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