* COVID-19 UPDATE *

November 16, 2020

Dear Coppin Community:

I am proud to report that the efforts of the CSU community continue to aid in preventing the spread of coronavirus on our campus. This is great news and I am inspired by your sustained commitment to stay safe by holding strong to the university, state, and federal guidelines.

However, the COVID-19 virus continues to surge locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Similarly, our on-campus positivity rate has increased, and we have 6 currently active, positive cases as of November 16, 2020. While we have taken and will continue to take measures that ensure the well-being of our campus, including notifying any person on campus who may have been exposed, I implore you to take every precaution and continue the course, through the holiday season.

As a reminder, all students, faculty, staff, and campus vendor employees who will be reporting to campus, for any reason, must continue to provide confirmation of monthly testing to designated university personnel. November testing must be confirmed by November 20. Those who are unable to provide confirmation of testing should contact the community health center for further instructions. Do not report to campus unless you have confirmed testing.

Students should submit confirmation of testing and results to the CSU Community Health Center at healthcenter@coppin.edu.

Employees should submit confirmation of testing and results to the CSU Community Health Center at 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 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 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. 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:
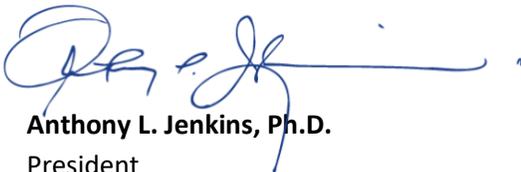- Daily symptom monitoring, which can be done using one of the links, below:
  Student Online Assessment
  Employee Online Assessment
- Use of a mask or face covering inside campus buildings and outside on campus grounds, in accordance with local orders
- Physical distancing of at least six feet between individuals
- Compliance with local guidance on events and gatherings
- Vigilant hand hygiene (washing, sanitizing, limited face-touching)

I continue to work, closely, with the CSU COVID-19 Task Force and the University System of Maryland, as well as state and federal agencies to inform our decision-making and share the latest and most reliable information available.

Please, continue to monitor our website at 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. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. Continue to take care of each other.

Coppin Strong: Masks On!

Sincerely,

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