

* COVID-19 UPDATE *

November 23, 2020

Dear Coppin Community:

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, this week, I encourage you to stay the course and follow the suggested travel guidelines provided by the State of Maryland and the CDC. The spread of the COVID-19 is on the rise locally, regionally, nationwide, and internationally. Thus, we must remain prudent and continue with the safety measures.

Earlier in the semester, we sent out a campus-wide survey for your feedback as we prepare our spring COVID-19 plans, and I appreciate all of your input and concerns. We are reviewing your responses and they will be fully considered as we finalize our plans for Spring 2021.

As of November 16, 2020, we have 2 currently active, positive campus cases of COVID-19. 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 continue taking 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. 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.

Upcoming testing dates

December 10 and December 11

December testing must be confirmed by **December 18**. 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 <u>link</u> 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:
 <u>Student Online Assessment</u>
 <u>Employee Online Assessment</u>
- 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 <u>coppin.edu/coronavirus</u> for details and updates. Any questions related to Coppin State's COVID-19 preparations and protocols can be submitted to <u>COVID-19@coppin.edu</u>. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. Continue to take care of each other.

Coppin Strong: Masks On!

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.

President

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