



\* COVID-19 UPDATE \*

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Dear Coppin Community:

We are continuing to work with the COVID-19 Taskforce to develop plans that will allow us to return back to campus for fall 2021. I realize that many people have concerns about what that may look like, and details regarding our return to the campus are being developed with the help and valued input of faculty, staff, and students. We are also working, closely, with the local health department, to ensure that any return to campus is done in a safe and responsible manner.

The Community Health Center continues to offer COVID-19 testing, by appointment. Based on available data and other guidance from health experts, the Baltimore City Health Department, and the Maryland Department of Health, the required campus testing frequency has been amended to twice per month.

**Who is required to test twice per month?**

All **faculty and staff**, including third-party vendor staff, who report to campus, for any reason, are required to test, twice per month.

All **students who are living in the residence halls** are required to test, twice per month.

All **students who report to campus for in-person courses** are required to test, twice per month.

Athletic testing will continue according to applicable NCAA requirements.

Students who do not live on campus and those who are not athletes are required to continue submitting test results, **twice per month**, in order to report to campus, for any reason.

The campus required testing frequency will continue to be based on the campus positivity rate and guidance received from our designated liaison to the Baltimore City Health Department and other health agencies and experts.

**Testing Location and Reporting**

All testing can be completed through the CSU Community Health Center. Appointments will continue to be available through online booking or by contacting the health center, directly, at (410-951-4188).

Students should continue to submit any off-campus testing results to the CSU Community Health Center at [healthcenter@coppin.edu](mailto:healthcenter@coppin.edu).

Employees should continue to submit any off-campus testing results to Human Resources at [AskHR@coppin.edu](mailto:AskHR@coppin.edu)

Questions about Coppin's COVID-19 testing and any other related inquiries should be submitted to [COVID-19@coppin.edu](mailto:COVID-19@coppin.edu).

Our campus continues to see positive cases at a rate that is much lower than the state and the local average. As of March 15, we have three currently active, positive campus cases of coronavirus. We continue to take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your continued vigilance and caution.

As of today, the Maryland Department of Health reports 400,705 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The statewide positivity rate is now 4.37 percent, and Maryland has seen 7,999 deaths, related to COVID-19. In the City of Baltimore, there were 42,210 known cumulative positive cases and 823 deaths. The City is in phase 1 restrictions. To view those restrictions, visit: <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/executiveorders>

As we did not have a Spring Break, this semester, classes will continue through the last day of classes which will be May 6. Final exams will be given May 7-13. You can view the entire Spring 2021 Academic Calendar, [here](#).

We are planning to hold a limited capacity, in-person 2021 commencement ceremony, on May 14. The Commencement Committee has developed plans that will allow us to host an in-person ceremony. Details and updates will be provided at [www.coppin.edu/commencement](http://www.coppin.edu/commencement).

Students who are living in the residence halls, which will remain capped at 50 percent capacity, will be able to remain in the residence halls, through the end of the semester. Students can reach out to the Office of Residence Life, at 410-951-6766, with any questions.

The safety of our campus remains my top priority, and these changes have been put into place in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, as much as possible.

Thank you, again, for your continued efforts to remain safe and responsible, during this pandemic. Let's keep it up and have a safe and healthy spring semester!

As always--Remain Coppin Strong! Masks on!

Sincerely,



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