



* COVID-19 UPDATE *

May 3, 2021

Dear Coppin Community:

Plans to return more students and employees back to campus continue, and I am pleased with the progress that we are making. As you may have heard by now, the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents approved Chancellor Perman's [mandate](#) that all eligible faculty, students, and staff who will be on campus, this fall, must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Details about getting vaccinated and our fall 2021 return to campus will be released, soon. I hope that you will continue to educate yourself on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

What if you already have the vaccine?

Members of the campus community who have already received the COVID-19 vaccine: THANK YOU! Your dedication to protecting yourself and your community is commendable, and I appreciate your swift action. For now, all campus COVID-19 protocols must be followed by anyone who reports to the campus. This means that everyone must continue to wear their mask and test, twice per month, as necessary—even if you have been vaccinated.

For now, the science says that we must continue to do take these precautions, and we will continue to follow the reputable science as we prepare to bring more people back to campus, this fall.

The Community Health Center will continue to offer COVID-19 testing. 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 is currently 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, **even after being vaccinated**.

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

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

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, **even after being vaccinated**.

Testing Location and Reporting

All testing can be completed through the CSU Community Health Center. All students, faculty, and staff can get tested 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.

Employees should continue to submit any off-campus testing results to Human Resources at AskHR@coppin.edu

Upcoming on-campus test dates:

May 10 and May 11

Schedule your appointment for May 10 or 11 testing:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U1AUi1Sx40u1sNgD2FF2eQ4Oz6DBjRVLiyuBDsbbby_hUQ0UyT1VHSk5VQ0wzQzdBV1M0Wfk2VjFIMS4u

Questions about Coppin's COVID-19 testing and any other related inquiries should be submitted to 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 April 19, our campus positivity rate is 1.32 percent. Our efforts to control the spread of this virus continue to prove worthwhile, and I am grateful to our campus community for their continued vigilance and caution.

As of today, the Maryland Department of Health reports 449,509 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The statewide positivity rate is now 3.69 percent, and Maryland has seen 8,605 deaths, related to COVID-19. In the City of Baltimore, there were 51,286 known cumulative positive cases and 934 deaths. The City is in phase 1 restrictions. To view those restrictions, visit: <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/executiveorders>

The last day of classes will be May 6. Final exams will be given May 7-13. You can view the entire Spring 2021 Academic Calendar, [here](#).

We are looking forward to hosting commencement ceremonies, next week, on May 14. The 2021 Commencement Committee has developed plans that will allow us to host in-person ceremonies, with limited capacity. All commencement participants are required to adhere to CSU's COVID-19 testing requirements, in order to attend. This year's event is limited to graduates and support staff, only. Details and updates can be found at 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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