

Email from Dr. McGee on 3/2/20

Dear campus community:

Quincy University is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and families. We at QU have been monitoring the latest reports about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and have been discussing these reports with our health partners, including the QMG Health and Well-Being Clinic on our campus and the Adams County Health Department. QU customarily follows the guidelines and advice provided by the American College Health Association (ACHA), Adams County Health Department, and the Centers for Disease Control and Infection (CDC) for COVID-19 and all other infectious diseases.

Quincy University has convened a **QU Communicable Disease Task Force**, led by Dr. Tracy, our Vice President of Student Development, to ensure our understanding of the COVID-19 protocols and procedures set forth by the CDC and work to ensure that our protocols and procedures are consistent with relevant guidance. For the foreseeable future, the task force will meet regularly to plan holistically for the protection of our community's health and well-being.

We will be monitoring travel, if there is any, involving our students and other university community members to and from areas potentially affected by COVID-19. We will seek to follow all travel guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of State, the CDC, and other relevant sources.

The university will send updates to the campus community as they are received from our community health partners and other appropriate sources of guidance.

To avoid contracting the virus, please use methods that are recommended by the CDC:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, for a duration each time of at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay hydrated and get plenty of rest.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. And when you are sick, stay home.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Should students become ill, please contact the nurse practitioner during the following hours:

- Monday: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

If you feel ill and the nurse practitioner is not available, please contact the Office of Student Development; we will help you find the nearest clinic. If you are sick and have a doctor's note for classes, please contact Dr. Tracy at tracych@quincy.edu with the information so she can be in contact with your professors. You are welcome to contact Dr. Tracy with any questions you have about this message.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to seek out and provide accurate information about COVID-19 and to respond to the guidance we receive on preventing transmission of this virus. We hope you continue to have a good semester.

Pax et Bonum,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development