

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the thirty-second update on Quincy University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are a member of the QU community and have not read the previous update messages, we encourage you to search them out in your email folders or read them at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>. *The next update will occur on April 12, as we know some of you would appreciate a break from this daily message.*

The QU coronavirus website also includes a link to our Q&A document, which was updated today, Friday, April 10. The updated Q&A document contains new information on multiple topics, including the question of room-and-board refunds.

Earlier today, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed for the Quincy region. Including the two new cases, a total of 26 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County). Some of these 26 cases spread within households. There currently have been no deaths and three hospitalizations linked to COVID-19 in Adams County.

As many news sources indicate, we are still seeing a steady increase in the number of such cases, whether reported in Illinois, in Missouri, across the nation, and around the world. There are now 17,887 COVID-19 cases in Illinois, with the great majority of those cases in the Chicago area. We remind everyone that no part of our nation is likely to avoid COVID-19 cases. More information about COVID-19 cases in Illinois, including county-by-county reports, is available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx>.

There currently are 3,799 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Missouri.

Both Illinois and Missouri are now operating under stay-at-home orders. The Illinois order is now scheduled to last until the end of the day on Thursday, April 30.

Here's what you already know: Each of us needs to wash hands (for 20 seconds!), use hand sanitizer, and maintain a physical distance of six feet when we must be out in public. In addition to physical distancing, the CDC now recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections. As Lana Del Rey has noted, some things last a long time. That's certainly true of this daily public health reminder.

If you are looking for more campus news, you are encouraged to follow @Quincy\_U and @Quincy\_UMcGee on Twitter. Resources are always available at [www.quincy.edu](http://www.quincy.edu) and at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>.

Today was Good Friday. Easter Sunday will be the most unusual in anyone's lifetime, as has already been the case for those celebrating Passover. Please be kind and patient with those dealing with the unusual stresses of this year. Some of us will also need to be kind to ourselves and exercise more than the usual self-care. For President McGee, self-care on Sunday will involve chocolate and mashed potatoes, though probably not at the same time.

A year from now, many of us will appreciate family and friend gatherings, along with Easter or Passover, as we never have before.

On a lighter note, today was also “National Siblings Day.” We are not making this up. It’s a thing. So, if you are one of the approximately 80% of us who have a sibling or siblings, you have a few more minutes to do something nice for a sibling or to honor the memory of a sibling no longer with us. Or, you can do nothing because this is a weird, made-up holiday and, in any event, you are still mad because of what your sibling did, whatever that was, five years and three months ago. We’re sure no member of the Hawk community holds a grudge against a sibling, though.

May a long night’s sleep leave you rested and refreshed, Hawks. Happy Easter, and Happy Passover. Stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Brian McGee, President  
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