

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the thirty-third 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/>. Unless there are major developments tomorrow, the next Quincy University update will be emailed to you on Tuesday, April 14.

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

On Saturday, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed for the Quincy region, with no new cases reported in Adams County today. Including the new case from Saturday, a total of 27 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region. Some of these 27 cases spread within households. There currently have been no deaths in Adams County, with two current hospitalizations in the county linked to COVID-19.

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, or around the world. There are now 20,852 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 4,160 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.

Even if you are anxious about beating everyone else to the last package of toilet paper at your local supermarket, the following advice still applies: 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 recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections. Perhaps we can also figure out how to follow those one-way arrows in the supermarket aisles.

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 and at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>. Tomorrow's Twitter post by President McGee will feature the haircut he gave himself out of desperation. And, yes, we agree that President McGee needs better Twitter material.

Some of us ate well on this Easter Sunday, as we remembered past Easter gatherings and anticipated a return to happier Easter family traditions in future years. President McGee claims to have eaten in moderation, with the conspicuous exception of his consumption of chocolate

brownies, chocolate cake, and (we are not making this up) chocolate brownie cheesecake. His temporal punishment, at least in part, for this consumption will include a long run early tomorrow morning. We hope you could enjoy your Sunday and your Sunday meals, wherever you are.

On a serious note, we continue to pray for all those who are suffering from COVID-19 infections and for their families. It is a cruel reality that so many of this year's Passover and Easter meals around the world included conversations, whether conducted face-to-face or by video call, about sickness, loss, and grief.

May you sleep soundly, Hawks. Be safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development