

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the thirty-fourth 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 Thursday, April 16.

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

A total of 27 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County). 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.

There are now 23,247 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 4,686 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.

We thank the nearly 40% of QU students who completed the survey circulated previously by Dr. Tracy. We have made multiple policy changes and other adjustments at QU in light of the feedback provided by students. Please continue to let us know how we can help you.

If you've seen President McGee's video, you know how much of the QU alma mater must be sung before you reach the 20-second mark: 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. A future QU parent has made President McGee a Chicago Cubs mask, which greatly pleases him. The same parent has generously made Dr. Tracy a St. Louis Cardinals mask, on which President McGee offers no comment.

In the spirit of inclusivity and friendship, President McGee promises eventually to attend a game in St. Louis's New Busch Stadium. Eventually. In some future decade.

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/>. Tomorrow, on the nine-month anniversary of President

McGee's QU Twitter account, you are welcome to offer positive, G-rated suggestions for the subject of his 700<sup>th</sup> Tweet. Please, please let the submission not be a reprise of the ill-conceived McGee haircut video.

Hint: Almost nothing beats a Tweet about waffles. But we'll see what you suggest.

If you are currently binge-watching on Netflix, that's great. Please, though, don't forget the occasional walk, shower, and eating of fruits and vegetables. Also, if you are tempted to watch any Netflix episode with the name "Make America Exotic Again," I encourage you to watch something else. Anything else. Because an episode of *Tiger King*, including in particular episode 5, could make you lose all faith in humanity. That would hardly be suitable for someone associated with a Franciscan university.

Be safe, Hawks. May your dreams be free of references to Oklahoma, tigers, or tigers from Oklahoma.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Brian McGee, President  
Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development