

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the thirty-fifth 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 Saturday, April 18.

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.

A total of 29 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), five of whom are considered recovered. Some of these 29 cases spread within households. There currently have been no deaths in Adams County, with three current hospitalizations in the county linked to COVID-19.

There are now 25,733 COVID-19 cases in Illinois, with the great majority of those cases in the Chicago area. 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 5,111 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.

On April 3, Dr. Reed sent all QU students an email with suggestions for effective online learning. Now would be a good time for students to review those suggestions again. It's not too late to change approaches to studying or preparing for assignments.

In mid-April, an early morning snowfall in Quincy doesn't last long, but this advice, it appears, is eternal: 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.

President McGee has an amazing Cubs mask, and he also has a brown mask so he can show the QU colors. Hawk pride!

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/>. President McGee's 700th Tweet, which combined waffles, karaoke, and the Teen Titans, celebrates many timeless and basic truths of the human condition.

Since 2004, April 16 has been designated national “Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day,” which seems creepily appropriate in the age of COVID-19. Today was also “National High Five Day,” which, alas, is poorly suited to this age of physical distancing. Fortunately, we can substitute the Vulcan salute for high-fiving or shaking hands. The existence of the totally awesome Vulcan salute is, of course, another reason to prefer *Star Trek* over *Star Wars*.

Enjoy your Thursday night, Hawks. And if, like President McGee, you previously decided to watch all the episodes of *Tiger King* on Netflix, perhaps you should spend tonight asking why you would do that to yourself or to any decent human being in your company. Watch *Star Trek* instead or, if you’re desperate, *Star Wars*.

Sincerely,
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