

Dear Quincy University community:

Here's the bottom line. We have *absolutely nothing new to say tonight* about COVID-19 or anything else, other than to give you updated COVID-19 case numbers for Missouri, Illinois, and Adams County. The usual reminders appear below.

So, if you don't want those numbers, stop reading now, and return to the *Battlestar Galactica* marathon on the SyFy channel. Or whatever it is people do when ignoring the chance to watch or re-watch an award-winning science-fiction series.

This message is the thirty-seventh 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 Wednesday, April 22.

The QU coronavirus website also includes a link to our Q&A document, which was last updated on Friday, April 10.

A total of 30 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), five of whom are considered recovered. Some of these 30 cases spread within households. There is one current hospitalization in Adams County linked to COVID-19. One Missouri resident has died in Adams County of causes related to COVID-19.

There are now 31,508 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 5,807 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. The governor has been contemplating changes to statewide directives for several days, but no revised directives have been issued.

You might have seen a few thousand versions of this message by now: 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. Please don't make us remind you again of Toto's "Africa" and its 20-second chorus. You wouldn't want that.

In addition to physical distancing, the CDC recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections.

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/>. When the need exists, President McGee will continue

to document the imminent and serious threat to campus posed by the squirrel queen and her minions.

Good night, Hawks. It's gonna take a lot to drag us away from you. We know that we must do what's right.

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

P.S. What does *Battlestar Galactica* have that *Star Wars* doesn't? Talented actors. Moral complexity. Serious and meaningful conversations about religion. And, because the series admits to the existence of bathrooms, actual evidence that human beings might wash their hands.

P.P.S. Seriously, why are you still reading? We told you there was *no new information* in this message. You must be starved for entertainment.