

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the fiftieth update – yes, really, the fiftieth -- 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, you could search them out in your email folders or read them at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>. The next Quincy University update will be emailed to you no later than Monday, June 29. The June 15 update was lengthy and contained new information about the academic calendar and the Healthy Hawks Compact, among other topics.

A total of 56 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), 42 of whom are considered recovered. Some of these 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, as has one Adams County resident.

There are now 137,224 COVID-19 cases in Illinois. 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>. These QU updates on COVID-19 cases are taken from the public reports of state and county agencies.

There currently are 18,143 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Missouri.

Illinois and Missouri no longer have stay-at-home orders, but some restrictions are in effect for everyday life in both states. Restaurants in Missouri are open. Restaurants in Illinois are open but only permit outdoor dining. Some easing of Illinois restrictions is anticipated next week.

Thanks to those who attended tonight's online town-hall meeting for QU. Another online town-hall meeting will be hosted on July 15.

All students will receive an email from Dr. Tracy on Friday, June 26, with information and dates for move-in and check-in for Fall 2020.

The University mailed bills for fall semester charges last week. If you have questions or concerns about your bill or financial aid, the Student Financial Services staff are available to assist you. During regular business hours, in-person appointments are available. If you prefer a virtual or phone appointment, those can be scheduled at your convenience. To contact a Student Financial Services counselor or to request an appointment, call 217-228-5260 or send a message to financialaid@quincy.edu.

A severe rainstorm on Sunday, June 21, completed with some isolated hail, resulted in flooding in some campus buildings. The ground floor of the Brenner Library will temporarily have restricted access until water damage is addressed. Any student who needs services from the Student Success Center may continue to call or email for assistance. All repairs should be complete in July, along with several renovation and improvement projects on campus. With some trepidation, your QU leadership team now awaits the locusts, frogs, and remaining Old Testament plagues of Egypt.

We now get to say, if we told you once, we told you fifty times: 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. We're sure you will remember this forever.

In addition to physical distancing, the CDC now recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections. Those of us in Illinois are now required to use face coverings in public when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Each student coming to campus in the fall will be provided with one of two QU facemask designs. We are sure these masks will become timeless collectibles. (Seriously, in the year 2120 you just won't be able to create a COVID-19 pandemic display in local museums without including a QU facemask.)

If you are looking for campus news over the summer, 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 thanks those who answered his request from two weeks ago about getting his account to 400 Twitter followers. Today, as any good Klingon would say in this moment, *Qapla'*! President McGee now has 414 followers. In contrast, Pope Francis has a mere 18.7 million. That's progress for President McGee, but we might have a bit more work to do on the follower front.

For a sneak video preview of this fall's QU Presidential Waffle Spectacular, please monitor President McGee's Twitter account this weekend. But, hey, if you don't like waffles and fried chicken, don't bother. Surely no one, including the President, will think less of you.

Spring ended two days ago, Hawks, and summer has officially arrived. Ours was a hard spring, and more pandemic-linked challenges await the nation and world. We know you will rise to every challenge. Even on the hottest of summer days, let's exercise some good sense, stay safe, and treat every member of our community with dignity, kindness, and respect.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development