

Dear Quincy University community:

Tomorrow, June 30, is the eighty-second anniversary of Superman's first appearance in DC Comics in 1938. At 82, Superman might be a bit past his prime, but we'd take some superhero help right now. Jor El did fill up baby Superman's escape pod with all the medical knowledge from Krypton, right?

Until Superman shows up, we'll count on Victor E. Hawk for super-exploits.

This message is the fifty-first 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, 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, July 6. An online town-hall meeting will be hosted on July 15. Information about the town-hall meeting will be emailed to you separately.

A total of 86 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), 43 of whom are considered recovered. Some of these cases spread within households. There are no current hospitalizations 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 142,461 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 21,043 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.

All students should have received an email from Dr. Tracy last Friday, June 26, with information and dates for move-in and check-in for Fall 2020. Please contact Dr. Tracy if you did not receive this message.

In the immortal words of Star Trek's Lieutenant Kevin Riley, as uttered in the year 2266, let's hear it ***one more time!***: 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.

Is there anyone who owns a car these days who doesn't have a hand-sanitizer bottle in one of the cupholders?

In addition to physical distancing, the CDC now recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections. An increasing number of people seem to prefer fanciful cloth face coverings, but that's another story. You can judge for yourself the merits of the hawk face mask available at <https://lemonbrat.com/products/hawk-face-mask>.

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/>. If you didn't check out President McGee's waffle-making efforts over the weekend, you can go check out his posts. Bring your appetite.

The last week included a good bit of bad news about the spread of COVID-19. Hawks, let's be smart and stay safe out there. All of us have to do our parts to avoid spreading the virus. We know you will do yours.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development