

Dear Quincy University community:

We have no new university-specific announcements on this Sunday, but, for the foreseeable future, we will be continuing to offer a daily update. We hope these updates are helpful.

Reminder: Registration for QU summer and fall classes opens tomorrow, on Monday, March 30.

This message is the twentieth-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, we encourage you to search them out in your email folders or read them at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>. The QU coronavirus website also includes a link to our Q&A document, which was most recently updated Friday, March 27.

Two COVID-19 cases have been confirmed so far in the Quincy region. To the best of our knowledge, neither is connected to QU.

As many news sources indicate, we are still seeing a steady increase in the number of such cases reported in Illinois, in Missouri, across the nation, and around the world. There are now 4,596 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. The growth in the number of cases for Illinois in the past day can be attributed in part to the increased availability of COVID-19 testing. 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 903 COVID-19 cases in Missouri.

Illinois, including Quincy, continues to operate under a "stay at home" order until the end of the day on April 7. If this order is extended to a later date, in light of recent events, we will advise you of that change or any other change affecting the QU community.

Quincy University's residence halls and cafeteria remain open and will remain open for the semester, while QU students will take courses exclusively online for the remainder of the spring semester. Thanks to our wonderful cafeteria staff, which continues to support our students for seven days a week, President McGee enjoyed a lunch today of pizza, chicken fajitas, and potato salad. He has promised to eat more green, leafy vegetables on some other day.

QU's spring commencement ceremony has been postponed to a later date.

Every television and digital media outlet in the country is now running repetitive CDC ads about COVID-19, so it hardly seems necessary for us to say it again. But, we'll say it anyway: Each of us needs to wash hands, use hand sanitizer, and maintain a physical distance of six feet when we must be out in public.

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/>.

On this warm, sunny, and windy day in Quincy, we all got to take walks, ride bikes, and imagine a world without COVID-19. Amen to that. Even the campus squirrels seemed cheerful, even as they plotted their takeover of Friars' Field.

Have a great week of classes, Hawks.

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