

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the twenty-second 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.

**Reminder:** Registration for QU summer and fall classes opened today, Monday, March 30. You can always contact academic advisors and success coaches for help with registration.

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 5,057 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 1,031 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, we will advise you of that change or any other change in Illinois 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. There was some excitement today when a new dessert option was available in the cafeteria. We will take whatever stimulation we can get in these challenging times, especially when chocolate is involved.

As announced previously, QU's spring commencement ceremony has been postponed to a later date. To be clear, students will earn their degrees as soon as they complete all degree requirements and successfully apply for graduation. Our students who meet requirements by May and originally would have attended the Spring Commencement in May will still graduate in May, even if they attend a commencement ceremony in a later month.

The QU Bookstore is offering **free shipping return labels** and is also extending the non-return period without penalty to assist with increased returns by mail. There are two ways to return your books when the time comes.

First, you can ship your rentals back to the store via a free FedEx return label included in your rental reminder email that is sent 14 days before your rental due date. The email is sent again

seven days prior to, three days prior to, and the day of your due date. These emails will contain a link to generate a free return shipping label and packing slip for you to use.

Second, at the end of the semester, or now for A session courses, you can generate a free return shipping label from the bookstore's website, in your account at [www.quincyushop.com](http://www.quincyushop.com). Click the Sign-In link on the top right side of the page to sign into your account, select your rentals to return, and follow the instructions on screen for your return label.

The QU Bookstore staff would appreciate having all textbooks returned by May 31, 2020, if possible.

For questions about book returns, please contact Ben Means at 217-228-5432, ext. 3600 or [meansbe@quincy.edu](mailto:meansbe@quincy.edu).

Several online forms for students are now located on the Student page of the Portal. When a student initiates the form, some information fills in automatically. Approvals will be obtained by email.:

- Application for Pass/Fail Option - Spring 2020
- Change of Registration (Add/Drop/Withdrawal) - to register for over 18 hours
- Major/Minor Declaration or Change Form
- Summer Financial Aid Application

Those of us in Illinois continue to live under a stay-at-home order. Those of us who live in most parts of Missouri do not. Whether you live in Illinois, Missouri, or anywhere else in the world, the guidance is clear: 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. President McGee thinks most hand sanitizers smell bad, but he uses them regularly. You should, too.

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](http://www.quincy.edu) and at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>.

In early March, streaming video watching was up 24% when compared with the same dates last year. There's a pretty good chance you were watching Netflix or Amazon Prime right about the time you received this email in your inbox. Watch responsibly, Hawks, but please take walks outside when you can. You can only watch so much *Tiger King*. Or, in President McGee's case, *Star Trek: Picard*.

Live long and prosper, Hawks.

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