

Dear Quincy University community:

This message is the thirtieth 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/>. We would not suggest reading 29 messages in a single sitting, but that's up to you.

The QU coronavirus website also includes a link to our Q&A document, which was most recently updated on March 27 and will next be updated on Friday, April 10. The updated Q&A document will contain new information on multiple topics, including the question of room-and-board refunds.

Registration for QU summer and fall classes opened last week. If you aren't registered already, now's the time. As a reminder, all QU summer classes are being taught online.

Earlier today, eight new COVID-19 cases were confirmed for the Quincy region. Including the eight new cases, a total of 19 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County). Some of these 19 cases spread within households. To the best of our knowledge, none of these cases 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 15,078 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. 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 3,327 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.

To review, Quincy University's residence halls and cafeteria are open and will remain open for the semester, while QU students will take courses exclusively online for the remainder of the spring semester and for the summer terms. QU's spring commencement ceremony has been postponed to a later date.

All residential students, please sign up for an appointment to move your things off campus. The move-out date has been extended until May 22, but we would like to get students scheduled. All students who have not made an appointment received an email from Dr. Tracy yesterday.

By the time we change the next sentence, Dua Lipa tracks may be considered classic rock: 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. In addition to physical distancing, the CDC now

recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections. As Lipa sings, “I should’ve stayed at home.”

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/>.

For our Jewish sisters and brothers, tonight is the first Seder of Passover. For many Christians, tomorrow night will mark the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. For hundreds of millions of people, these days are deeply meaningful to their faith lives. We wish all members of our QU family every success in celebrating together, even if families and friends are physically separated because of the pandemic. We will keep finding new uses for Google Meet and Zoom.

Finally, we are pleased to report that recipes are freely available for both Passover waffles and Easter waffles. Yes, there are such recipes, and they look very tasty.

Laila Tov. Securi dormite.

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

P.S. We are confident this message prompted at least one faculty or staff member to search “Dua Lipa” online. We aren’t asking anyone to admit it, though.