

Dear Quincy University community:

The 2020 Spring Semester, a semester unlike any other, is concluded. For those who didn't graduate, some are moving on to summer and fall course registration. Wherever we are and whatever our plans, may we all stay safe and experience as much happiness and joy as the summer of 2020 can provide.

This message is the forty-fifth 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, May 25.

The QU coronavirus website also includes a link to our Q&A document, which was last updated on May 11. The Q&A document includes information about **textbook returns**, with those returns to be made this month. Students are reminded to return textbooks as soon as possible.

A total of 43 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), 37 of whom are considered recovered. Some of these cases spread within households. There are three 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 96,485 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 10,945 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Missouri.

Illinois continues to have a stay-at-home order, which presently is scheduled to last until the end of the day on Saturday, May 30. Missouri no longer has a stay-at-home order, but many restrictions are in effect for everyday life in the state.

President McGee thanks those international students who emailed last week with questions and concerns about travel and the fall semester. We wish we had more information to offer. We can only promise to provide new information as we receive it.

The Hawks Helps Committee is reviewing student applications for first-found CARES Act relief funding. Information about those applications will be provided shortly to the student applicants.

Students should file the 2020-2021 FAFSA to renew federal and state financial aid and be considered for the next round of CARES funding, which will happen early in the fall semester. QU also anticipates providing information to Spring 2020 students by the end of this week about room-and-board refunds.

Students who have not already done so should register for summer classes as soon as possible.

We are confident that the first 44 reminders were sufficient, but here it is again: 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 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. We would really, really appreciate compliance with this directive, which we believe is consistent with QU's values and shows care for other people. .

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/>.

In these days, even while some business activity resumes in many states, we know some people are running out of Netflix and Amazon Prime television series to binge-watch. Nerd Alert: President McGee would appreciate it if someone could please talk him out of buying access to that classic science-fiction series, *Space 1999*, which ran from 1975-1977. He can't be that desperate, can he? At least CBS All-Access is planning a new Star Trek series, which should give President McGee some hope for future science-fiction entertainment.

Enjoy the second half of May, Hawks. We can't wait to see you again.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development