

Dear Quincy University community:

Yes, we promised you an update on Memorial Day, but we shouldn't have. Memorial Day is deeply and personally meaningful for many QU families, and we decided that our COVID-19 update could wait a day. Thank you for your understanding.

This message is the forty-sixth 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, June 1.

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 week**, if they haven't been returned already. 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), 39 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 113,195 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 12,291 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.

The Quincy University campus will reopen on Monday, June 1. Most campus offices will be physically open, beginning on that day. However, face-to-face meetings will require an appointment, which must be made in advance. Facemasks will be required for all meetings and in campus buildings. **Additional details about the reopening of campus will be distributed no later than Friday, May 29.** Employees who have been working remotely should confer with their supervisors before coming to campus.

Information about CARES Act student relief funding and about room-and-board refunds has been emailed to the relevant students in the past several days. All official communication is sent to students through their QU email accounts. Please read those messages carefully and contact the relevant QU office if you have questions about either or both of these specific topics. While CARES Act relief funding and room-and-board refunds have been confused by some members of our community, these are two separate programs that are not related to each other. If you are

unsure about which office to contact at QU, send a message to HawksHelp@quincy.edu. A member of the Hawks Help committee will make sure you receive follow up from the appropriate office.

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.

Online summer classes at QU start on June 8. There is still time to register for summer courses.

We are confident that the first 45 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. We should not follow the example of the crowds at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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. Once QU offices reopen on June 1 and for many months to come, students and others at QU should expect to wear facemasks in all our public spaces on campus.

If you are looking for campus news over the summer, including witty commentary on squirrels, rabbits, and chipmunks, 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/>.

Today, May 26, is National Blueberry Cheesecake Day in the U.S. We are not sure, frankly, why multiple variations on cheesecake get their own holidays, but it appears the national cheesecake lobby is highly organized. And, we admit, a blueberry cheesecake can look pretty tasty. See, for example, <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/contest-winning-blueberry-swirl-cheesecake/>. President McGee will probably stick to baking chocolate desserts, however. In the stay-at-home spirit, he admits that he started baking chocolate brownies before 8:00 a.m. today.

That might be enough for the moment about desserts. Have a great week, Hawks. Stay safe, and eat well.

Sincerely,
Dr. Brian McGee, President
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