

Dear Quincy University community:

Of late, each day brings some fresh tragedy, where dehumanization and brutality are normalized and decency is denigrated. President McGee wrote to you on Sunday evening regarding policing, protest, and our Catholic and Franciscan commitments at QU. Wherever you are, Hawks, we pray for your safety and for a world where justice and peace prevail.

This message is the forty-seventh 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 8.

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**. We are now **past the deadline** for textbook returns. Students should **return textbooks as soon as possible** if they have not already done so. We thank all those students who have already gotten textbooks back to us. If for some reason you cannot immediately return your textbooks, please contact Kristi in the business office at sheltkr@quincy.edu, or Dr. Tracy at tracych@quincy.edu.

A total of 43 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), 42 of whom are considered recovered. Some of these cases spread within households. There is one current hospitalization 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 121,234 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 13,327 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Missouri.

Illinois and Missouri no longer have stay-at-home orders, but many restrictions are in effect for everyday life in both states.

The Quincy University campus reopened today, Monday, June 1. Most campus offices are now physically open. 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.

Online summer classes at QU start on June 8. There is still time to register for summer courses. As a reminder, textbooks for summer courses are NOT included in summer tuition. Students must purchase textbooks separately for their summer courses.

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.

We are confident that the first 46 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. For many months to come, students and others at QU should expect to wear facemasks in all public spaces on campus.

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/>.

Today, June 1, Catholics celebrated the feast day of Mary, Mother of the Church, when Catholic Christians might ask for Mary's protection and for Mary's intercession to promote faith, hope, and love for all peoples. One need not be Catholic or Christian to embrace this vision, where our nation and world are united in the desire for good. May faith, hope, and love be with us in every day. May faith, hope, and love be the everyday experience of our common humanity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian McGee, President

Dr. Christine Tracy, Vice President for Student Development