

## \* COVID-19 UPDATE \*

from the desk of **President Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.** 

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Hello, Coppin Family:

We're almost through the first week of our fall semester, and I am very proud of the way that the entire Coppin campus community has come together to acknowledge their individual, social responsibility, doing their part to keep the campus safe and contain the spread of coronavirus.

Walking the campus, throughout the week, I was met by students with masked faces who were eager to dive into the semester, despite the challenges the pandemic has imposed.

As we head into the Labor Day Weekend, I want to remind everyone to continue to observe travel advisory precautions provided by Governor Larry Hogan, which can be found <u>here</u>. Employees and students are encouraged to consider whether they will be subject to a 14-day quarantine, prior to traveling. You will be expected to do so before coming back to campus, if applicable.

## COVID-19 Testing

As a reminder, all students, faculty, staff, and campus vendor employees who will be reporting to campus, for any reason, must provide monthly coronavirus test results to designated university personnel. September COVID-19 campus testing will be held on the following dates:

- September 17
- September 18

All students, faculty, staff, and campus vendor employees must provide confirmation of negative test results by September 25. For September, your most recent test must have been conducted on or after September 8, 2020.

## Schedule your appointment.

Testing on campus will continue to be required, monthly, throughout the semester,

and will be provided to faculty, staff, and students through the CSU Community Health Center, at no cost.

Students can submit confirmation of testing and results to the CSU Community Health Center at <u>healthcenter@coppin.edu</u>.

Employees can submit confirmation of testing and results to the CSU Community Health Center at <u>AskHR@coppin.edu</u>.

Vendor employees should submit testing confirmation to their designated university point of contact.

Questions regarding testing or results should be directed to the Health Center at 410-951-4188.

If you are unable to have your test done on campus, this <u>link</u> provides other area locations that can accommodate you for testing, at no cost. Testing must have been conducted within 14 days of the date of submission of your results to the university.

If you need to report to campus but are unable to be tested by September 25, students should contact the Community Health Center at 410-951-4188, and employees should contact Human Resources at 410-951-3666 or email <u>AskHR@coppin.edu</u>. Do not report to the campus until you have made contact with either of these departments and received further instruction.

Keep in mind the simplest and best practices to protect yourself and others against the spread of coronavirus:

- Daily symptom monitoring, which can be done using one of the links, below: <u>Student Online Assessment</u> <u>Employee Online Assessment</u>
- Use of a mask or face covering inside campus buildings and outside on campus grounds, in accordance with local orders
- Physical distancing of at least six feet between individuals
- Compliance with local guidance on events and gatherings
- Vigilant hand hygiene (washing, sanitizing, limited face-touching)

To date, we have 8 confirmed, positive campus cases of COVID-19, and we have taken and will continue to take measures that ensure the well-being of our campus. The CSU COVID-19 Task Force and I continue to work closely with the University System of Maryland as well as state and federal agencies to inform our decision-making and share the latest available information.

Any questions related to Coppin State's COVID-19 preparations and protocols can be submitted to <u>COVID-19@coppin.edu</u>.

Thank you for your unwavering patience and flexibility as we navigate the safest path for our campus.

Be safe, and remain Coppin Strong: Masks On!

Sincerely,

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