

* COVID-19 UPDATE *

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

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Greetings Coppin Community:

Last week, I shared an update with you that every student and employee of Coppin State University must provide confirmation of COVID-19 test results by August 28, 2020. This is in response to the recent University System of Maryland (USM) announcement for <u>mandatory COVID-19 testing</u> for all students and employees of the twelve institutions.

Testing must have been conducted within 14 days of the date of submission of your results to the university.

We are finalizing plans to have a test site, here, on campus with testing on the following dates:

August 14th and 15th August 21st and 22nd

<u>Click here</u> to schedule your appointment.

I am scheduled to be tested on the campus on the first day of testing, August 14. I hope that many of you will join me, and take advantage of our highly-skilled and amazing Coppin State nurses and staff.

I want to thank Dr. Tracey Murray, dean of the College of Health Professions, Dr. Shavon Darden, associate director of the CSU Community Health Center, and their staff, for all the work they are doing to ensure that our campus is as safe as it can be.

Anyone returning to campus for in-person course instruction, residence life, or employment must be tested for COVID-19, prior to their arrival, and must provide designated university officials confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result.

- 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>

You can contact the Health Center at 410-951-4188 with any questions. If you are unable to have your test done on campus, this link provides other area locations that can accommodate you for testing, at no cost: <u>click here.</u>

Virtual Town Hall

Don't forget that I will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall discussion for Faculty and Staff on August 13, at 11:30 a.m., and another Virtual Town Hall discussion for students and parents at 3:00 p.m., on the same date. This will be an opportunity to hear about many of the changes and requirements that will be in place, this fall, and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have related to the COVID-19 plans and procedures. These are the links you can use to join me:

Faculty & Staff - click here to attend the Town Hall @ 11:30 a.m.

Students & Parents - click here to attend the Town Hall @ 3 p.m.

Please, 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 this Online Assessment
- Use of a mask or face covering inside campus buildings and outside on campus grounds (where social distancing cannot be observed)
- Physical distancing of at least six feet between individuals, at all times
- Vigilant hand hygiene (washing, sanitizing, limited face-touching)

Take care of yourselves and each other, and wear your mask!

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D. President Coppin State University