

July 30, 2020

MSU Faculty and Staff:

The following are a few quick updates:

Campus Planning and Logistical Updates:

As we approach the fall semester, we wanted to provide our campus with a few additional planning and logistical updates on Co-19 testing, contact tracing, rapid responses, self-isolation procedures, etc. We have communicated some of these along the way, but are planning an update via Webex livestream on **Tuesday, August 4 at 9:00 a.m.**

A link will be sent to our employees the day before with instructions if you wish to view it. We also want to use this opportunity to check our livestream capabilities to see if our systems will hold our employees on it- all at once. We will be working separately with Facilities Management on a time to speak to any of them that cannot join online.

Fall Convocation:

With the help of the Office of Information Technology we have worked out a Webex livestream option for Convocation presentation. Please hold **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 9 a.m.** for this. A link will be sent to our employees the day before with instructions to log in. This method will have limitations and will be presentation only. We will be working separately with Facilities Management on a time to speak to any of them that cannot join online.

Reminders:

Several employees have asked if we will require testing of all employees prior to the start of the semester. The short answer is – no – we are trying to preserve local tests for those who need them. In consultation with health/medical providers, our guidance for employees is that you should be tested if are concerned and want to be tested. Specifically, you should be tested if you feel that you have been exposed to someone with symptoms, exhibit symptoms yourself, have been contacted by contact tracers from MSU or a health department, have underlying health concerns, fall into a higher risk category, have traveled to a surrounding state, or have traveled to an area in Kentucky which may have significant issues.

- Please continue to assess your health and take your temperature before coming to campus. If you do not feel well, or have a temperature over 100.4, please contact your supervisor. This is important as one of our many layers of precaution and we need to continue this process throughout the semester.

It seems that our surrounding states are experiencing a rising number of Co-19 cases. As a result, if you have personal travel that is out-of-state, we would ask that you please be careful in your return to campus.

Dates:

- August 8 - 16 -- Residence Hall Move-in
- August 17 -- First Day of Classes
- September 7 -- Labor Day, University Closed and No Classes

Many thanks for your patience and efforts during this time.

Jay Morgan
President