

Dear Union County College Community,

I hope you all had a productive Monday as we settle into this new normal. I've been actively working on establishing a routine: I set up camp in my home-office space and I take my dog, Boomer, out for walks in the morning and evening. I know this is a stressful, unsure time, but I want you to take care of yourselves beyond staying home and practicing social distancing: make time to do things that you enjoy and that lift your spirits. Maybe that's drawing, cooking something you love, catching up on a show on Netflix, or FaceTiming with friends. Be kind to yourself during this time.

### **Cases**

***As of today, we have two positive cases within the College community that have been self-reported to the College.***

Today a student self-reported to their faculty member that they tested positive for COVID-19. The student's classes are on the Cranford campus. When we find out the last time the student was on campus, we will share that information. The student is currently quarantined at home.

Additionally, a student self-reported that their parent tested positive, and the student is currently self-isolating. However, we are happy to report that our employee from the Plainfield campus who tested positive has been discharged from the hospital and is quarantined at home.

### **Students**

Again, I want to emphasize that we are here to help you.

Communicate your instructors and/or call our hotline at 908-709-7988 (or 908-709-7989 for assistance in Spanish).

### **Faculty and Instructional Staff**

Please continue to support and teach your students. Your responsiveness and encouragement are making a difference with them. Let your Dean know how we can help you help them.

### **Employees**

I continue to emphasize that we are here to help you. If you or your family is having difficulty, please contact Karlene Rambaran in HR at 908-709-7144.

### **Union County COVID-19 Testing Location**

This location opened today at Kean University. ***Testing is by appointment only and you must be registered through your doctor or healthcare provider.*** You will only be allowed to enter campus by vehicle. If you do not have your own transportation, please discuss with your healthcare provider before scheduling an appointment. If you believe you may have symptoms of COVID-19, there is a [self-assessment tool](#) that you should use to determine what actions you can take to protect you and your loved ones' health and help determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19.

***Please heed the warnings to STAY HOME.*** There are many reports that indicate that the spread of COVID-19 will continue to worsen because people are not taking these warnings seriously. At the College, we moved instruction online and are working remotely to protect each other. We are a community. We must ALL do our part to slow the rate of infection. We must ALL make adjustments to our daily lives in order to accomplish this.

Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret M. McMnamin  
President