

Dear Union County College Community,

Happy Friday to each of you! These past few weeks have been uniquely challenging in ways we had never imagined, but we are getting through day by day. A very special shout out to the many in our College community who are essential workers: our healthcare providers, first responders, grocery store employees, postal workers, truck drivers, cashiers, sanitation workers, and more – thank you for what you are doing each day. The most important thing we can do to help our essential workers is to stay home.

### **Cases**

***Since my last letter on Wednesday evening, five positive cases of COVID-19 were reported to the College. This brings the total to 13 cases that have been reported to the College.***

Please continue to stay home and practice social distancing.

### **Good Friday – April 10**

As a reminder, next week is a 4 day week: we are closed for the holiday on Friday, April 10.

### **Withdrawal Date**

***The date to withdraw from classes has been extended to May 7.***

We encourage you to stay in your classes, communicate with your instructors, and try to complete your courses. You have more time to make the decision about withdrawing, so take advantage of that time!

### **Student Needs**

If you do not have a computer at home and are in need of a device in order to complete your coursework on Canvas, we have a laptop loaner program. Please call our hotline:

- 908-709-7988 (English)
- 908-709-7989 (Spanish)

If you have any basic needs issues: internet, food, or anything else, please contact our social worker LeeAnn Trott at [leeann.trott@ucc.edu](mailto:leeann.trott@ucc.edu) or 908-591-8408.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

As I have mentioned in previous letters, the Union County drive-through COVID-19 Testing Center at Kean University is open.

If you are experiencing symptoms: shortness of breath, fever, and cough, please call 908-214-7107 (Union County residents) or 908-373-5105 (non-Union County residents).

A nurse will do an assessment by phone. Appointments will be scheduled based on CDC guidelines.

Persons receiving an appointment can proceed to the Testing Center at their scheduled time. No other primary care doctor prescription is required. Testing is free.

Thank you to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, under the leadership of Chairman Alexander Mirabella, for providing this critical and much needed service to our County's residents.

### **Employees**

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

Remember that we are here for you.  
Take care of yourselves this weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Margaret M. McMenemy  
President