

Dear Union County College Community,

I hope you each are doing well and are enjoying the beautiful weather as best you can. I know many of our parks are still open, but please remember to use care even when outside and practice social distancing.

### **Cases**

***Since my letter on Friday evening, five positive cases of COVID-19 were reported to the College. This brings the total to 18 cases that have been reported to the College.***

Please continue to stay home and practice social distancing.

### **CDC Guidelines on Cloth Face Masks**

Over the weekend, the [CDC made the recommendation](#) to wear cloth face coverings, that cover your mouth and nose, in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical or N-95 masks.

### **Good Friday – April 10**

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

### **Grading Policy Information**

***Please check your owl email for an important email sent this evening regarding COVID-19 related grade information including a pass/no pass policy, withdrawals, and incompletes.***

I included this in my letter on Friday, but I want to repeat it: 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) or 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.

### **Employees**

Please review the memo located in the News from HR Section on the landing page of the Owl's Nest regarding the flexible work schedule starting next Monday, April 13. If you have any questions, please contact HR. Please remember we are here to help. If you or your family is having difficulty, please contact Karlene Rambaran in HR at 908-709-7144.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

***The Union County drive-through COVID-19 Testing Center at Kean University provides testing for Union County residents and first responders/health care workers who work in Union County regardless of residence.***

If you are experiencing symptoms: shortness of breath, fever, and cough, and you meet the above criteria, please call 908-214-7107.

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.

We thank the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, under the leadership of Chairman Alexander Mirabella, for providing this vital service to our County's residents.

As we start another week, I want to remind you that we are here for you.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret M. McMenamain

President