November 6, 2020 – Campuswide email

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Careful planning and implementation have helped us get this far with our on-campus learning and living options this fall as we navigate the challenges of the global pandemic. With light emerging at the end of the fall semester tunnel, we have been busy planning for the end of the term. Below you’ll find four key topics that have occupied conversation at senior staff, COVID-19 Crisis Management Task Force, and Health and Safety Committee meetings this week. While all students have already been contacted directly about these decisions, I wanted everyone to be aware of these plans and changes in policy.

1. **Move to Phase 3 Visitation Policy:** With continued low numbers of positive cases since the challenging week when we saw nine cases, we have decided to allow on-campus students to have slightly expanded visitation options to visit friends in other residence halls beginning today at 4 p.m. To clarify this policy, students may visit with other Centre students during set visitation hours, in accordance with the maximum capacity of each space. For a double occupancy room, the maximum capacity is two (2) individuals TOTAL. Maximum capacities for common spaces are listed outside of those areas. Students visitation hours last from 10 a.m. to midnight. As I know you can appreciate, any spike in positive cases will cause this policy to be reviewed immediately.

2. **Move to the Third Phase of Athletic Policy (Full Team Practice):** As with the residence hall visitation policy, this will be in place starting today, remaining until November 21, or earlier if positive cases spike again. This slight adjustment in our athletic safety policy allows for full team practices with some contact drills and intra-squad scrimmages, with the full expectation that all scholar-athletes and coaching staff continue to practice social distancing and wearing of masks during and outside of practices.

3. **Optional Exit Testing:** Student Health Director Kathy Jones shared the news yesterday with students that we are providing optional COVID-19 testing prior to campus departure, providing a link with a sign-up form. Students have already signed up for many of the spots on our scheduled dates, and we are expanding testing options as needed.

4. **End-of-Semester Isolation and Quarantine Policy:** With two weeks being the standard period of time for quarantine, students who test positive or have been identified as a
close contact as part of testing beginning on November 9, should plan to return home for the remainder of the term, if that is a safe option. Students should inform their professors to arrange for remote learning the remainder of Block 2.

We are fortunate to have rather beautiful weather in the forecast for the next 10 days, with relatively warm temperatures and little precipitation. This will allow for continued opportunities to be outside. Dina and I will plan to continue our late afternoon and evening campus walks with Blue, and we hope to see those of you on campus taking advantage of this excellent fall weather.

Until we meet soon on campus, study hard, and be safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
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