

October 16, 2020

Campus Community:

As of Friday morning, October 16, The University has one (1) student who is under isolation after having tested positive for COVID-19. University officials continue to work closely with the Barbour County Health Department to monitor the situation on campus and to contain the spread of the virus.

The University is conducting random testing of 10% of our campus community (faculty, staff, and students) as required for all WV colleges and universities by the WV State Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the WV State Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). ***Last week, 84 persons were tested, and 0 persons tested positive for COVID-19.*** This week's tests were conducted yesterday.

The University has received several reports of students hosting guests in their residence halls who are not members of our campus community. ***As a reminder, each student, by signing the social contract at the beginning of the semester, agreed NOT to host any off-campus guests. Compliance with this requirement is essential as we work to protect all faculty, staff, and students.***

Here is another reminder of what we should each be doing:

- Monitor your health and notify someone on campus and/or seek medical attention if you have symptoms.
- Keep 6 feet of social distance between yourself and others (both on and off-campus).
- Wear face coverings (masks or shields) when inside any University facility except while inside your assigned residence room, while alone inside your office, or while eating in the dining room or other designated areas.
- Wear face coverings (masks or shields) outdoors whenever it is not feasible to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
- Agree not to host any off-campus guests.
- Agree not to host or attend in-person social gatherings, particularly when social distancing is not possible.
- Limit personal travel and remain in the Philippi area as much as possible; when traveling, comply with all local, state, national, and University travel guidance.

Sincerely,



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