

SU Campus COVID-19 Update - Friday, October 16, 2020

To the Stevenson Community:

The following update provides a summary of campus COVID-19 testing and cases since our [last update on Friday, October 9](#). The information below is based on data available as of October 15.

### **Campus COVID-19 Testing**

As part of our ongoing required testing of students moving into the residence halls, random surveillance testing, and testing of symptomatic students, we have received 33 conclusive test results since October 9. None of the results were positive. As of October 15, the campus positivity rate is 4.49%. Maryland's rate is reported at 3.08%. Please note that our positivity rate is based on all campus testing and results received since August 17, 2020.

### **Cases on Campus**

Since our last update on Friday, October 9, there have been no new on-campus cases identified, and there are currently no active cases on campus.

### **Proper Hygiene Habits and Daily Symptom Monitoring**

All students, both commuter and resident, faculty, and staff should continue to follow the CDC-recommended health and hygiene practices to protect themselves and others from the transmission of COVID-19:

- Wear face coverings
- Practice physical distancing, staying at least 6-feet from others
- Avoid large crowds and gatherings
- Wash and sanitize hands frequently
- Monitor yourself daily for possible symptoms of COVID-19

**We urge all students to use their online Student Symptom Tracker daily, ideally each morning before you start the day.** The Symptom Tracker is available via the Wellness Center Patient Portal at <https://stevenson.medicatconnect.com/>. It is easy to use on your cell phone and helps you quickly screen yourself for symptoms of COVID-19.

Students who have symptoms that have been associated with COVID-19 should immediately contact the SU Wellness Center at 443-352-4200 or [wellness@stevenson.edu](mailto:wellness@stevenson.edu) to speak with a health provider. As a reminder, these symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

To learn more about identifying the symptoms of COVID-19, watch the video [Get to Know the Symptoms of COVID-19](#).

As the weather gets colder, we will all spend more time indoors. It is important to continue to avoid congregating in large groups and crowds, especially indoors during the winter season. In the coming week, our Keep Stevenson Safe emails will share information about campus indoor spaces available for study and recreation, and how to be safe when using these spaces with small groups of friends and peers.

We thank everyone in our Stevenson community for their ongoing commitment to the health and hygiene habits that minimize the impact of COVID on our campus and [Keep Stevenson Safe](#).

Sincerely,

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