

SU Campus COVID-19 Update, Friday, Oct. 9

To the Stevenson Campus Community:

Since our last Campus COVID-19 Update on Friday, October 2, 6 additional students residing on campus have tested positive for COVID-19. There has been a total of 9 new positive cases among current resident students. All of these cases were determined to have been close contacts of one another. Of these 9 students, 4 students are active and in isolation, and 5 have completed their isolation periods and have been cleared to return to campus.

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 83 conclusive test results since our [October 2 Update](#). Three of the results were positive, 2 of which were students who were part of the cluster of 9 positive cases referenced above. The other positive case was a student being screened for move in. That student did not yet reside on campus and is currently isolating at home. Nineteen of the 83 tests were conducted as part of our new random surveillance testing program. None of the random surveillance tests were positive. As of October 8, the campus positivity rate is 4.61%. Maryland's rate is reported at 2.79%.

Stevenson is providing guidance and support to all impacted students so they can complete their isolation periods, continue their classes remotely online, and safely return campus after they have been cleared by our Wellness Center. We are glad to report that none of the students have experienced serious symptoms and all are recovering well.

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
- 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, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.** To learn more about

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

Thank you for you for your ongoing efforts to minimize the impact of COVID for yourself and for our community. For more information about health and hygiene practices and the University's efforts to reduce and respond to COVID-19 on campus, visit the Keep Stevenson Safe web page at [www.stevenson.edu/safe](http://www.stevenson.edu/safe).

Sincerely,

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