

SU Campus COVID-19 Testing & Cases Update – November 10, 2020

To the Stevenson Campus Community:

As a result of campus testing of student-athletes and Random Surveillance Testing (RST) conducted since Friday, November 6, the university has identified and is responding to two clusters of COVID-19 among athletic team members. A total of 19 new positive cases were identified by testing conducted over the weekend. Our biweekly dashboard report has been updated to include this data and is available on the Stevenson website at

Campus COVID-19 Dashboard – Fall 2020

<https://www.stevenson.edu/COVIDdashboard>

and via links on the [Keep Stevenson Safe](#) and [2020-2021 Campus Health & Safety Plan](#) web pages.

Actions Taken in Response to New Cases

As a result of these clusters, the university is taking the following health and safety steps to limit the transmission of COVID-19:

- Students who tested positive are following isolation protocols and our Contact Response Team is following up with the students' close contacts.
- Practices for the affected teams have been halted until the clusters are investigated under the guidance of the Baltimore County Department of Health (BCDoH). These cluster case investigations must be marked as closed by the BCDoH before practices for these teams can resume.
- All other athletic team practices have been paused until the conclusion of contact tracing and response to ensure there is no additional spread to other teams.
- Available quarantine space for students has been increased in the event of additional demand for these spaces.

Given the number of positive cases, we have increased the number of staff dedicated to contact response and case management. At this time, the students' symptoms appear mild to moderate. Staff will continue to follow up with the students and check on their well-being while they complete their isolation protocols. We wish them a safe recovery and look forward to their return to campus.

COVID Cases on the Rise Regionally – Actions You Can Take

Maryland and the nation as a whole are seeing increases in the number of COVID cases, and additional vigilance is absolutely essential for limiting the spread of the virus. In addition to masking and physical distancing, we all must avoid crowds, large gatherings, and even small gatherings in enclosed spaces such as having multiple riders in a vehicle.

We are not only entering the colder time of the year but the holiday season when people traditionally congregate indoors to enjoy gatherings with family and friends. The CDC has issued helpful [guidance about holiday activities and gatherings that pose a greater risk of COVID transmission](#) and safer alternatives for Thanksgiving and other holidays.

Students should continue to monitor for COVID symptoms and use the 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/>. Use it daily to quickly screen yourself for symptoms of COVID-19.

Don't dismiss a symptom as just a minor cold, allergy, or flu. Students who have any symptoms that have been associated with COVID-19 should immediately contact the SU Wellness Center at 443-352-4200 or 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

Remember: *If you are sick, do not assume your symptoms are just a cold or flu. Stay home or in your room, do not go to class or activities, and contact the Wellness Center to get guidance on ways to protect your health and that of others. Sick employees should also stay home and contact their supervisor.*

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 help [Keep Stevenson Safe](#).

Sincerely,

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