

**Friday, November 2, 2020**

**Maryland COVID Cases and Keeping SU Safe**

To the Stevenson community,

Last night, Governor Larry Hogan spoke to the citizens of Maryland and shared two important messages.

**One**, there has been a significant increase in coronavirus cases and hospitalizations across the state over the last several weeks.

**Two**, to reverse this trend he urged everyone to follow public health advice on masking, physical distancing, proper hygiene, limiting gatherings, and symptom monitoring.

To quote his most direct point, “Wear the damn masks.” Heading into the holiday seasons, this message could not be more timely.

During this semester, we at Stevenson have repeatedly seen the wisdom of Governor Hogan’s words.

When we do what we need to do—wear masks, stay at least 6-feet apart, practice healthy hygiene, limit gatherings to fewer than 10 people, and quickly report symptoms— we can limit the spread of infection and continue our core educational mission.

On the other hand, when we don’t take these essential measures, the virus spreads quickly and unpredictably, with potentially severe effects on the most vulnerable in our community and our region.

As we enter the last part of the semester, let’s rededicate ourselves to doing what we need to do to [Keep Stevenson Safe](#).

Let’s put community before self. Let’s protect those who are vulnerable. In a difficult and challenging time, let’s be our best selves.

We can do this. We’re the Stevenson community.

Thank you for everything you do to Keep Stevenson Safe.

Sincerely,

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