To: Wesley College Family  
From: Wesley College President  
Date: October 8th, 2020  
Subject: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – UPDATE #27

Dear Wesley College Family,

On-campus testing is now available thanks to the State’s Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), Mr. A.J. Schall, and Delaware State University’s (DSU) President, Dr. Tony Allen. All students, faculty, and staff will now be able to be tested on campus vice solely having to rely on off-campus test sites – **as a reminder, testing is not optional, it is required.**

In total we will eventually have ~5000 test kits, and the initial kits we are distributing for testing, ~1000 kits, are the State supplied at-home testing kits that utilize saliva collection, which has the same effectiveness as the oral swab test. This is not a nasal swab test. Instructions on what to do, and preaddressed/prepaid UPS envelopes for return to our mailroom and subsequent shipping to the test lab, are all provided. This test is performed under the supervision of a Vault healthcare provider through a video telehealth visit (explained in the instructions), eliminating the risk of person-to-person exposure to the virus, and results are usually received within 48-72 hrs. The ~4000 test kits from DSU will arrive shortly, and will not be the at-home kits like the State provided. Testing protocols, and date/times for the testing utilizing the DSU provided test kits will be provided when available. Additionally, on Wednesday, October 28th DEMA & MakoMedical will be on campus providing testing – times, and sign-up instructions will be provided next week by our COVID-19 Action Group (CAG).

In addition to on-campus testing, we will continue utilizing the community based testing sites, in our continued focused efforts to ensure, as best as possible, the safest, healthiest, and educationally conducive environment for our campus community.

We must all remain vigilant and continue to foster our culture of compliance – completing our daily COVID Pass, wearing masks, maintaining a social separation of at least six feet, washing our hands frequently, avoiding touching our faces, avoiding large gatherings, and no parties. Now is not the time to be complacent, and even if we test negative as most of us have, we still must follow all our protocols and polices to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our campus, and surrounding community.
Everyone is reminded to regularly check your Wesley email as well as our Protect Wesley webpage for the most up to date information and guidance - https://protect.wesley.edu/. Additionally, there is a “FAQs” site imbedded under the Protect Wesley Pledge section of our Protect Wesley webpage (https://protect.wesley.edu/faqs/), as well as other areas, that provides several commonly asked questions/answers.

Campus remains closed to the public unless it is a specific and College authorized event or visit.

Stay informed, stay healthy, stay positive, and stay safe while helping others that are less fortunate, as well as making a positive impact in the community you live in and serve.

For the thought of the day I will share a quote from Winston Churchill, that is worth reflecting on – "Truth is incontrovertible, panic may resent it, ignorance may deride it, malice may distort it, but there it is."

Next Update: Update #28, October 22nd.

All The Best & Go Wolverines!

Robert E. Clark II
President of the College