

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

Today, June 22, 2020, Arizona's number of identified COVID-19 cases has reached 54,586, which is an increase of 2,196 over the previous day. I am concerned about this trend, as the number of cases rising is not entirely due to additional testing; during the past three weeks, cases increased by 171% and the testing increased by just 88%. Arizona is now considered the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic.

What this means for Midwestern University and especially the Glendale Campus, is that we all must become even more diligent in following our established protocols. If you are ill, please do not come to campus. If you have an immediate family member who is ill, or has tested positive for COVID-19, please immediately contact by phone either Ms. Amy Gibson, Director of Human Resources or Dr. Ross Kosinski, Dean of Students. If you are unsure about any process, please reach out to Ms. Gibson or Dr. Kosinski and allow them to advise you prior to your coming to campus. When you contact them, they can advise you as to the best way to proceed. They will keep your information confidential, but it allows them to establish your recent contacts should we have to notify your colleagues and fellow students of a positive case exposure.

Let's all follow our basic procedures, wash your hands frequently, social distance by a minimum of six feet from your colleagues, and complete the daily health questionnaire before you arrive on campus, which includes asking yourself overall health questions and taking your temperature. And remember we have adopted the Midwestern University Facial Covering policy that requires a clean face cloth covering that covers both your nose and mouth which must be worn when you are on campus. All cities within Maricopa County in Arizona now require face masks in all public settings.

As of today, on the Glendale Campus, we have 18 employees being tested for COVID-19 and three confirmed positive cases. In addition, we have approximately eight students in quarantine and one additional student who tested positive. We wish them all a speedy recovery. We have no known reported cases on the Downers Grove Campus.

I care deeply about your health and the health of your family and this community. Please join me in keeping our community safe.

Be well.

Dr. G.