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Hello Pitt-Johnstown Mountain Cats!

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts in keeping us in the classroom and safe where we live. Our campus COVID-19 numbers remain low (<https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/pitt-johnstown-cases>) and we need your continued cooperation to keep them that way. If you have been watching the news lately, many campuses in our region have switched from in-person to remote learning in the past week. Temple University and West Virginia University have recently changed to online learning and Penn State is struggling with increasing COVID-19 numbers. Many other students, including University of Pittsburgh students, have been sent home at universities across the region for violating COVID-19 health and safety protocols. The struggle is real - which is why our entire campus community must work together to keep us in the classrooms. Everyone needs to do their part and follow our campus guidelines.

I am writing this email as a reminder (with a few updates) as to what is expected of our students. Please understand that these are not punitive but designed to keep us in the classrooms.

Housing and Residence Life

- NO GUESTS (including students from other buildings, family, non-students) are permitted in the residence halls. Only students assigned to a specific residence hall are permitted in that building. Overnight guests are not permitted in student rooms under any circumstances.
- A good rule of thumb is this: If your key (or keycard) doesn't open the exterior door, you should not be in that building. Some examples:
 - a resident of Laurel Hall should not be in Hemlock Hall.
 - a resident of Foxfire Lodge should not be in Heather Lodge.
 - a resident of Heather Lodge 3 should not be in Heather Lodge 5.
 - a resident of Woodland Manor 3 should not be in Woodland Manor 7 or any other townhouse building or apartment.

Note – these rules have been in place since the end of Pod Week. This is simply a reminder.

Outdoor Gatherings

We think outdoor activities are a great idea and appreciate the cooperation that we are getting from our resident students. I would like to provide some further guidance on gatherings.

- any unofficial outside gathering (not a university-sponsored event) should have no more than 20 attendees in an outdoor area. All attendees should follow university guidelines on physical distancing and face coverings. All other campus policies, including the alcohol

policy, will be enforced. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/office-student-conduct-and-judicial-affairs-pitt-johnstown-campus-policies>

- official outdoor gatherings, such as tomorrow evening's Mountain Cat Meet-up, will follow state guidelines for outdoor gatherings. Face covering and physical distancing guidelines will be enforced by event organizers.
- students attending outdoor gatherings should utilize public restrooms in the Student Union, the portable restrooms by the tent in University Square (arriving soon) or return to their campus residence.

Face Coverings

The University of Pittsburgh's Covid-19 Medical Response Office recently updated their requirements for the use of face coverings. The most significant change is that face coverings must be worn at all times when on campus property or in campus buildings with very few exceptions. Please see this link for the updated policy:

<https://www.pittwire.pitt.edu/news/indoors-and-out-face-coverings-required-when-campus>

Off-Campus Students

I am asking that all Pitt-Johnstown students who do not live on campus follow the information above to keep our entire community safe. Your actions and behaviors have consequences and affect the entire university community. Please behave responsibly. Remember: you must follow the Student Code of Conduct even though you do not live on campus.

Appreciation

The people who work to implement and enforce these rules and policies are working very hard to keep our campus safe and open. Please give great respect to these folks: Housing & Dining, Residence Life, Campus Police, Health & Counseling and Student Conduct.

Lastly, I want to remind you that it is a privilege to be a Pitt-Johnstown student. With that privilege comes the responsibility to keep our community safe. Selfish behavior and attitudes are causing other universities to send people home and go to all online learning – we can and must continue to be better.

Thank you,

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