



Joint Message to Bloomsburg University Students - August 11, 2020

Dear Students,

On behalf of Bloomsburg University and the Town of Bloomsburg, we are both excited to welcome you back to campus and the community. We are poised to join with you in support of a healthy and successful living and learning environment. Our number one priority remains the health and safety of you and the entire Bloomsburg community. Please visit www.bloomu.edu/fall-2020 to stay current on important details and for answers to frequently asked questions.

The spread of COVID-19 remains a public health emergency, not only throughout the country, but also here in our community. Our ability to maintain in-person, on-campus instruction throughout this academic year is critically dependent on your cooperation in joining the rest of our community to slow the spread of the virus. Throughout this semester, please abide by **The Husky Safe Seven**:

1. **Always wear your face covering properly (covering your mouth and nose), and wash reusable masks frequently.**
2. **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
3. **Practice good health habits. Clean surfaces frequently, cover coughs, and sneezes.**
4. **Stay at least 6 feet apart. Maintain physical distancing to mitigate the spread of the virus.**
5. **Monitor your health daily. Stay home when you're sick. Learn the symptoms of COVID-19.**
6. **Have questions? Contact Student Health Services or HR Connect.**
7. **What makes us Huskies makes all the difference. Onward!**

The Husky Safe Seven practices are not only mandated on campus but also throughout the Bloomsburg community. All members of the BU community are strongly encouraged to monitor their health each day by utilizing the [Husky Health Checker](#), a mobile site designed to assist our community to effectively guide their health and social interaction decisions. In partnership with Geisinger Health, we have created a dedicated COVID-19 testing facility on campus for students who exhibit COVID-related symptoms. This fully operational testing center will be housed in the Fenstermaker Alumni House.

Both the Town of Bloomsburg and BU will be strictly enforcing Governor Wolf's orders and restrictions for indoor and outdoor social gatherings. Furthermore, the Town of Bloomsburg has restricted outdoor social gatherings to a maximum of 150 attendees. The Bloomsburg Police Department will be enforcing these orders throughout the community and citing individuals and dwellings not in compliance, with potential fines up to \$1,000. Please note that any students convicted of citations from any law enforcement within the community may also face disciplinary sanctions under Bloomsburg University's Student Code of Conduct.

Returning to campus is a *privilege* that comes with responsibility. Wearing face masks, social distancing, and refraining from large gatherings (on and off-campus) are requirements for each of us. Adherence to and respect for the Governor's orders, Town ordinances, and University policies will be strictly enforced on and off campus. To that end, we both have full faith in our expectation that BU students will partner with the residents of Bloomsburg during this national health crisis, and we look forward to a productive and healthy academic year. Go Huskies!

Sincerely,

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