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Welcome to everyone as we begin the Fall 2020 semester! While this will no doubt be a very unusual semester, I am encouraging everyone to do all we can to make it a successful one. That means students should stay focused on your educational goals, and faculty and staff should play our part in aiding in their success. Difficult times can be trying for everyone, but they can bring out our best. I encourage each of you to work to bring out your best.

A few points:

Baseline Testing Update

We provided free testing to nearly 3,000 individuals over the last week. Except for tests conducted Saturday and Sunday, all those tested on campus who received a positive result have already been contacted by the designated healthcare provider, and contact tracing through the local health department is beginning. (If you are in that group and have not been contacted, assume your test is negative. Troubleshooting is occurring surrounding issues with the Quest portal.)

I can also share that more than 400 individuals have self-reported negative test results through our portal.

We will share and post aggregate testing results from the baseline and ongoing testing to our website on a weekly basis beginning later this week.

Health and Safety

- If you received a positive test result, DO NOT come to campus. Anyone testing positive, regardless of where you were tested, will be contacted by a local health department to begin contact tracing. It is important to participate in this. In addition, students should contact Brady Health and employees should contact HR and your healthcare provider for instructions.
- Please continue to check-in daily at www.frostburg.edu/checkin.
- Wear a mask on campus at all times in the presence of others. Practice social distancing and proper hygiene. We're all in this together, so protect yourself and others.

Reach out for Help

Finally, don't hesitate to reach out for help if you need it. Students, look to your faculty and your advisors, to various resources of the [Academic Success Network](#), to [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) and the [Brady Health Center](#). Look to student organizations to keep you engaged and involved. Faculty, reach out to your chairs, deans and Faculty Senate. Staff, reach out to your supervisors and VPs, as well as to Human Resources.

Support one another and be kind.

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