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SEPTEMBER 29 UPDATE: STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY, ICARE NOTES, & RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

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Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)

It's Week #7! We're nearing the halfway point of fall semester! We continue to be grateful for how God is protecting and leading us through this challenging COVID season. This week we have a full update, including:

- State of the University address this Friday, with an exciting announcement expected!
- More about the new Caring Well Meals ministry
- Sending notes of encouragement to students in quarantine or isolation
- Why are drinking fountains turned off as a COVID precaution?
- Campus guests visiting a class ... virtually
- Rapid antigen testing available
- Fall play, COVID style
- Moving the SSC Grab+Go Location
- Cardboard canoe race
- Caring Well TNL

State of the University Address – This Friday, October 2, at 10 a.m., Cedarville's President, Dr. Thomas White, will deliver the annual State of the University address, outdoors from the North Field stage. You can also watch via [livestream](#) or [Facebook Live](#). Be sure to be a part of this always-exciting time as we celebrate God's faithfulness to Cedarville University, and this year, you won't want to miss an exciting announcement!

Caring Well Meals – As we told you last week, as part of the Caring Well Meals ministry, faculty and staff are volunteering to provide tasty, sufficient, and timely meals to students who are in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. Watch a video to learn more about this program that has already blessed many students.



Caring Well Encouragement – Would you like to offer encouragement or a prayer on behalf of Cedarville students who are either quarantined or isolated? Along with our new Caring Well Meals, we would like to provide encouraging notes from the Cedarville family to students while they are away from normal campus activities. Simply complete the [Care Encouragement Note form](#), and we'll print out your note, make copies, and deliver to students who are presently quarantined or isolated. We welcome notes from fellow students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and friends!

Concerning COVID – We're continuing our Concerning COVID series, where senior nursing students, as part of their NSG-4000 Care of Populations course, investigate your COVID-related questions each week, researching each question and providing evidence-based answers.



Here's this week's question: [Why are drinking fountains turned off as a protection against COVID-19? Find Answer](#)

CU in Class – With COVID-19 limiting activities that our guests can experience while on campus, including sitting in on classes, we've come up with a way for prospective students and their families to experience life at Cedarville. Our [CU in Class video project](#) will give prospective students access to classes in every school and department, so they can get a taste for academics at Cedarville via recorded video or livestream. New classes are being added each week. Encourage high school students you know to check out [CU in Class](#).

Rapid Antigen Testing – As announced in our Caring Well, Staying Well, COVID-19 Operating Plan, we have been waiting for the equipment to provide rapid antigen testing for COVID-19 with results available within 10-15 minutes. This past week, this equipment arrived at both University Medical Services and Cedar Care Village Pharmacy. We have a very limited number of testing kits at this time in both locations, and our medical providers will make the determination on when an antigen test may be ordered versus the more accurate PCR test. The rapid antigen test has a 74-94% accuracy rate; the standard test is more reliable.

- [Cedar Care Village Pharmacy](#) is offering the test to anyone who wants a test (as supplies allow). Symptomatic patients should call first for specific instructions.
- UMS has tests available for symptomatic students who are being cared for by a UMS practitioner.

Fall Play: All My Sons – Cedarville's theatre department will perform *All My Sons* for its fall production. Showtimes are:

- Thursday, Oct 1 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct 2 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct 3 – 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct 9 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct 10 – 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (online streaming option available)
- Sunday Oct 11 – 3 p.m. (online streaming option available)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, seating capacity will be limited for each show, and COVID protocols will be in place, including wearing masks and maintaining physical distance. Tickets can be purchased at the SSC Information desk or by calling the box office at 937-766-7787. Ticket sales are limited to faculty, staff, students, and cast members' families.

Moving the SSC Grab+Go Location – The Grab+Go station currently in the SSC Event Rooms is being relocated back to the dining hall entrance for easier access. The Event Rooms will still be available for overflow seating. However, today through Thursday, September 29 through October 1, the Event Rooms will be closed for all meals due to Trustee meetings being held in that location.

Cardboard Canoe Race – Even though we are not able to host homecoming and parents weekend this year, the School of Engineering and Computer Science will still be holding the annual crowd-favorite cardboard canoe race. You can watch via livestream this Friday, October 2, from 3-5 p.m. on our [website](#) or [Facebook Live](#). We are discouraging large crowds around the lake in order to maintain safe distancing, and there will be no sound system onsite for the race. Tune in online to watch as freshmen engineering students race across Cedar Lake in canoes they designed and constructed using just cardboard and packaging tape. It's always a fun time!

Thursday Night Live – This Thursday, October 1, there will be a Caring Well, Staying Well-themed TNL. Meet at 7 p.m. at the North Field (outdoor chapel location) for an evening of information, encouragement, and great music. We'll hear from students who have gone through the isolation or quarantine process and learn ways to encourage students going through the process right now. See you there!

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Dean says:

[September 29, 2020 at 12:48 pm](#)

Rapid Antigen Testing – how does that help a student practically? As in if they are tested and it showed they had covid in the past, would it allow them to avoid any future quarantines that may come up in their dorm? And is there a cost via Cedarville or the pharmacy?

Sarah says:

[January 12, 2021 at 9:56 am](#)

Rapid antigen testing is a faster, less accurate way to know if you currently have COVID-19. It is commonly known as a rapid test. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 previously are exempt from having to quarantine for 90 days from the date of their positive test. Testing is free for students from UMS, but there is a cost at Cedar Care. The University does not have any guidelines for the antibody test.

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