COVID-19: Danforth Campus Digest

This digest is a compilation of important COVID-19 related news and updates for students, faculty and staff on the Danforth Campus. We’ll send this to our community as needed to share new information, including important steps members of the Danforth Campus community must take to help protect the health and well-being of our community. Thank you for your attention to these communications, and for your continued support of our response efforts.

Town hall for Danforth Campus and CFU planned for tomorrow

Tomorrow (Wednesday, April 29) from 3-4 p.m., staff from the Danforth Campus and the CFU are invited to join a town hall about the university’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the impact on our staff and operations on the Danforth Campus and within the CFU.

This town hall is presented by the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, in partnership with the Danforth Staff Council. During the town hall, attendees will be able to submit questions through Zoom or by email.

Updated information about the town hall, including how to participate, will be available on the Danforth Staff Council website.

Ask the WashU Doctors: Understanding protective masks

What’s important about wearing a mask now? What are the different types of masks? How do you take care of a mask, and can it be reused? WashU doctors Cheri
LeBlanc, MD, and Steven Lawrence, MD, MSc, answer these questions and more in the first installment of a new video series, “Ask the WashU Doctors.”

Watch the video here

Take a moment for well-being on Zoom
Focus on your well-being in a way that works for you. Practice meditation, attend a support group or learn about wellness topics through Zoom sessions. These sessions are open to faculty, staff, postdocs, fellows and residents, and are designed to help you cope and find support for greater well-being. Sessions are led by the Department of Psychiatry, as well as Meg Krejci, WashU wellness consultant for mindfulness. If you need in-the-moment emotional support, call the Coping with COVID hotline (314-286-1700) or schedule a one-on-one session through our employee assistance program. View complete details on the HR website.

Valuing employee wellness
We want to hear how you’re doing – as a reminder, the EMPOWER survey is still open to gauge the well-being of our employee community. Take the survey by Friday, May 1.

A ‘home away from home’ for our frontline employees
While many of us are staying home to help slow the spread of COVID-19, there are many in our community who cannot go home right now. These include medical personnel and other employees performing essential work on campus who don’t want to return home between shifts, either to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to their families or due to travel distances. To help make things easier, the university is providing temporary housing and meals to frontline health workers and first responders at the Charles F. Knight Executive Education and Conference
Center and The Lofts on the Delmar Loop. Learn more in The Source, and see coverage from KSDK-TV and the St. Louis Business Journal.

Learn about the university’s response to COVID-19

The latest research and news stories related to the COVID-19 pandemic are available on The Source. You can also share your own photo, video or personal story.

We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation as we manage this unprecedented situation. Please continue to visit the university’s COVID-19 website for the latest information.