

Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 30

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Good Evening:

The Greater Flint Health Coalition Board met this morning and received a COVID-19 Federal Response update from Rep. Dan Kildee. Rep. Kildee shared new funding streams that will be coming to support small businesses and discussed the need for more coronavirus testing. Local health-related officials shared their thoughts about testing needs, COVID-19 antibodies, and reopening the state responsibly.

The Genesee County Health Department shared the below county and state COVID-19 statistical summary.

<https://gccountymi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/e7da2750f51a43ae969a6c9f002bf6c1>

New testing sites will be forthcoming in the county to ensure that there is access for all residents. I have requested that MCC be considered as a site.

Planning continued today to ensure this Friday's MCC Virtual State Legislative Update is a success. We are pleased to have the opportunity to hear and discuss concerns and issues with our legislators related to the pandemic. Board Chair Michael Freeman and I will be sharing with state legislators an update on our move to a virtual environment, supporting and sustaining community efforts, and future funding requirements.

Thanks to the leadership of Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs, Jenny Kroninger, and Manager of Educational Media Services, Chris Bolla, our Virtual Commencement will be live-streamed on May 23 at 2 p.m. Our awesome Commencement Committee and Media Services team are taking the lead to ensure that the experience is special for the graduates. I believe students will be asked this week to begin submitting their online profiles for the ceremony. Please encourage our graduates to participate.

I ended the day listening to a presentation by CircleIn, a recipient of a National Science Foundation Innovation Grant, that assists college students with staying productive when having to study remotely. The group was successful in working with university students and is now targeting community college students with the next round of funding. The goal of the program is to keep students focused, engaged, and graduated.

Have a fabulous Monday evening. It's beautiful out there!

Looking Forward,

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