**TO:** PVAMU On-Campus Residents

FROM: Steve Ransom, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students Students

**DATE: August 25, 2020** 

**RE:** COVID-19 Directives

This communication is to advise you of additional measures being taken to contribute to the health and safety of all residents. Reports have been received indicating noncompliance with face masks and physical distancing guidelines. As a reminder, groups over ten masked, physically distanced individuals are prohibited at this time. Due to multiple reported violations of these guidelines, the following measures will begin immediately in on-campus residential properties:

- Residential property grounds will be cleared at 8PM each evening. No gatherings will be allowed after this time. Residents found in violation of this directive will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Visitation has NOT begun in any campus residential property. Notification will be provided when visitation is permitted.

In his recent letter to students, Provost Dr. James Palmer referred to a new requirement that every residential student and student enrolled in face-to-face/hybrid classes is required to test for COVID-19 within the next two weeks. Because of the above factors, we are **requiring** that each of you living on campus, and those taking face-to-face and hybrid courses, get tested **on campus**, beginning today and through the first week in September. Failure to do so will result in being forwarded to the Office for Student Conduct for disciplinary action.

Students must get tested at a free University-sponsored testing event, and are not be able to submit other tests as proof of testing. Please make an appointment for a test at <a href="https://www.pvamu.edu/coronavirus/onsite-campus-testing/">https://www.pvamu.edu/coronavirus/onsite-campus-testing/</a>.

While these directives may seem restrictive and inconvenient, please know that they have been established to provide the safest possible living and learning environment. The health and safety of the campus community is the responsibility of every community member. Your help is needed as Panthers Push Forward.

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