

Colleagues,

I write to you to provide additional clarification on the heels of President Birge's message regarding the shift to remote learning for the remainder of the spring 2021 semester. As indicated in the email, all APA, AFSCME, and NUP employees will continue to be campus based, unless they have an approved remote exemption.

Please be assured that detailed contact tracing confirmed that there was no spread across offices, classrooms, etc. and that the transmission among students happened at social gatherings in violation of COVID-19 protocols.

As President Birge mentioned, MCLA's COVID testing site in the Campus Center Gym is open through April 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Walk-in testing will be accommodated for asymptomatic faculty and staff. As always, employees experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should not report to work and should contact their primary health care provider or Berkshire Health System's COVID hotline at the number below, as well as MCLA's Human Resources department. Stop the Spread sites in North Adams, Pittsfield and Great Barrington offer free testing and continue to operate 7-days a week. Appointments at any of these locations can be made by calling the Berkshire Medical Center COVID-19 hotline: 855-BMC-LINK, or 855-262-5465. The hotline is typically open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
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