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*A message from Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Barbara A. Bichelmeyer and  
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## A Reminder of Our Expectations for You in the Age of COVID-19

Dear Students,

We know most of you are doing the right thing, and we applaud those of you who are committed to self-care and to caring for all members of our community as we continue to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Still, given the actions of a relatively small number of students Saturday, we must write to remind you of our expectations for students in response to COVID-19, and to reiterate that there are ramifications for individuals who fail to meet these expectations.

This past weekend, we became aware of off-campus social activities hosted by KU students in violation of county regulations and university policies related to COVID-19. These gatherings put both the attendees and our broader community at risk. In light of these activities, we have issued 14-day public health bans to individuals at two off-campus residences. As you may recall, we took [similar action](#) August 23 when we issued public health bans to members of two student organizations.

We will not accept noncompliance with health and safety protocols related to masks, physical distancing and large gatherings. Any student who does not follow university regulations may face student conduct action, including the removal of privileges to come to campus and possible suspension. Disregard for state or county guidelines and regulations may lead to additional penalties.

As members of the Jayhawk community, each of you have the special responsibility this year to follow this simple guidance: Wear your mask. Maintain six feet of distance from others. Wash your hands. Stay home and

away from others if you're not feeling well. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or potentially been exposed, follow the instructions given to you by health officials.

Our Jayhawk community and the Lawrence community are counting on you to step up. If we can't count on you to accept and abide by these responsibilities, you should expect your actions will result in the loss of your privilege to be part of the campus community.

Respectfully,

**Barbara A. Bichelmeyer**  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

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