Dear Member of the King’s College Community,

As the College prepares to welcome you to campus, I write to share with you the practices that every King’s faculty member, staff person, and student will be required to follow in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on our campus.

For the good of one another, every member of the King’s College community is required to:

- use the daily check-in to report his or her temperature, symptom status, and COVID-19 exposure,
- stay at home if he or she has symptoms of COVID-19, especially a fever (100.4 degrees or higher),
- wear a face covering in all public, common areas of the campus, both inside and outside of buildings,
- maintain 6 feet social distancing in classrooms and all interior common areas,
- follow CDC guidelines: washing his or her hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an effective hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol), and cover his or her mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing,
- refrain from smoking or vaping anywhere on King’s College property (policy effective August 1, 2020),
- practice social distancing, wear a face covering, and maintain proper health habits while off-campus, especially in high-contact social situations,
- discuss with those with whom he or she lives a plan for maintaining good health, keeping a clean and safe living environment, and taking precautions to avoid exposure to the virus,
- follow the recommended health and safety protocols for quarantine or isolation should the College determine that his or her status requires it.

The health, safety and success of our College community hinges on our combined ability to faithfully follow these behavioral requirements. I am depending on you. Our entire campus is depending on you. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to disciplinary action.

I am proud of the many efforts that various segments of our community have engaged in to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on our campus. We have created new classroom spaces and re-structured present classrooms to ensure 6 feet social distancing. We have marked our campus with signage indicating best practices to mitigate viral spread. We have adopted new cleaning protocols for highly trafficked spaces. We have adopted an appointment only policy for meetings between faculty, professional staff, and students to ensure safe modes of engagement.

The many efforts to prepare our campus to welcome you, however, require your best efforts to live-by the requirements noted above. I ask you to commit in your mind and heart to follow these practices as a means of concretely living our common mission to respect one another’s dignity and to serve the common good.

Sincerely,

Rev. John J. Ryan, CSC, PhD
President