

PROTECT THE 'NECKS

A Pledge to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

As the effects of this pandemic impact our friends, families,
and world, we must work to protect the health and safety
of every member of our campus community.

We will protect ourselves.

We will protect our Leatherneck community.

We will get through this together. We are Leathernecks!



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Being a part of the Leatherneck community during such extraordinary times means we are counting on each other to protect ourselves, our University, and our community, especially those that may be more vulnerable. It is with our Fighting Leatherneck spirit that we ask you to pledge to stop the spread of COVID-19.

I Pledge To:

I pledge to protect myself. I will:

- Strongly consider receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Monitor myself daily for the symptoms of COVID-19 which include a fever of greater than 100.4 F (38.0 C) or higher, difficulty breathing, chills, dry cough, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches, and loss of taste or smell.
- Report any of the above symptoms to a medical professional.
- Wash my hands thoroughly with soap and water or hand sanitizer often.
- Keep myself apprised of updates and procedural changes at WIU related to COVID-19.
- Consider receiving an influenza shot this fall. (Symptoms of influenza and COVID-19 are very similar. This makes it more difficult, time consuming, and expensive for medical professionals to make the correct diagnosis if I become ill).

I pledge to protect my Leatherneck Community. I will:

- Stay home if I feel ill or if I have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wear an appropriate face covering as directed by the University.
- Maintain an appropriate distance in university facilities and events.
- Assist to keep shared common spaces and workstations clean.
- Participate in testing, quarantine/isolation processes, and contact tracing if instructed to do so by the University, McDonough or Rock Island County Public Health Department, or the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Limit non-essential travel in order to protect both my Leatherneck family and my family and friends.
- Be positive, attentive and helpful to anyone around who may be in need of support.

**We will continue the fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic,
and we will continue to get through this together. We are Leathernecks!**

Find WIU COVID-19 updates at [wiu.edu/coronavirus](https://www.wiu.edu/coronavirus)