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Dear Heidelberg Students:

Congratulations to everyone on a third successful week since our Berg COVID-19 outbreak forced the 2-week quarantine at the end of September. We celebrate *Heidelberg Homecoming at Home* with different activities and events this entire week. It is a good time to get your free flu shot on campus. We must keep going together!

The COVID positivity rate has reached 5.4% in Ohio and it is rising everywhere in our state and across the country. Heidelberg's aggregate student positivity rate is now 4.5% and our total population positivity rate is 3.5%. Nearly all of our positive students have recovered already and returned to campus activities. But as we head indoors, all health and safety protocols will matter more going forward. Everyone should be wearing face masks, maintaining physical distancing, washing hands often, and submitting daily health self-evaluations.

Our campus health and success this semester will depend a lot on what happens over this upcoming Halloween weekend. I encourage all Student Princes to see this as a great opportunity to make smart decisions about their own well-being and the health of everyone around them. Wear the right mask this Halloween!

One of Heidelberg's most enduring and inspiring qualities is how one generation of graduates stands ready to help the next generation of graduates move forward in their lives, even in these most challenging times. I had the privilege of joining the History Department's Happy Hour zoom gathering this past Thursday night. It was awesome to see and hear current students, recent and less recent alumni, staff colleagues, and our two outstanding History professors engage for over two hours. Dr. David Hogan and Dr. Courtney DeMayo Pugno facilitated a wonderful conversation aimed at helping current students gain new ideas and connections about future internships, jobs, advisors, mentors, and career opportunities. Lots of energetic sharing and many funny stories too! I felt fortunate to participate.

Speaking of American history in our own hands, the U.S. Election is only 8 days away. Express your voice of citizenship and vote.

We have 26 days until Thanksgiving Break. If we take care of ourselves and each other, we can make it!

Respectfully,

Rob Huntington
President