

Wheeling University Return to Campus Spring 2021

We have established a solid plan to return to campus for a face-to-face experience as we did successfully last semester. For the complete plan see COVID-19 Return to Campus Plan at <https://wheeling.edu> .

To achieve a safe opening and to stay open it what will be a very challenging environment, we will be taking the following steps:

All students returning to campus, including students who come onto campus for on-campus activities related to academics, research, work, or recreation, **will be required upon return to complete a COVID-19 test**. Please report to the McDonough Center upon arrival to campus prior to reporting to your dorm. Based on the following schedule:

Troy Theater 10:00 – 2:00

Wednesday, January 6 - Resident assistants (RAs) Graduate assistants (GAs), student leaders, commuters, faculty, staff, employees, physical therapy students

Thursday, January 7 – All students not participating in spring athletics, commuters, faculty, staff, employees, physical therapy students

McDonough Center 10:00 – 2:00

Friday, January 8 – Women’s volleyball, men's soccer, baseball, women's soccer, physical therapy students

Saturday, January 9 - Football, track/cross country, men's soccer, baseball, commuters

**if you are unable to be tested you will not be permitted to attend class until you are able to provide a negative COVID test*

Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times by employees, faculty and students on campus. Residential students are expected to wear face masks even in the dormitories unless they are in their room with just their “roommate/family unit.” Face masks are required in our dining areas (Benedum Room, the RATT, and Starbucks Coffee Shop) and may be removed only while stationary and eating or drinking. Face masks are required in are recreation areas, including the 24-hour lounge and the McDonough Center.

All students, faculty, and employees will be required to sign an official online COVID-19 Social Contract in the Blackboard Learning Management System.

Temperature checks will be carried out on students, faculty, staff, and visitors at the front gate daily upon arrival. Symptomatic individuals will be immediately quarantined and restricted from joining the campus community until fully recovered. Everyone will be required to sign-in to offices upon entry and exit to ensure tracing information is available.

Students, faculty, and staff will be required to download the LiveSafe app on their phones to report social contacts and areas of movement upon identifying any symptomatic student, faculty, or staff member.

No students are permitted to have outside guests within the residence halls, including individual rooms and all common areas. Some areas of the residence hall will also be closed where social distancing cannot be followed or there will be a limited number permitted in one area.

All campus Administrative Offices are locked, and all students, faculty, staff and visitors must wear a mask in order to gain access. Frequent handwashing, hand sanitizer and surface sanitizing supplies will be provided by the University and placed in all high contact locations with signage to encourage usage.

Stringent monitoring of adherence to our COVID-19 protocols will be in place, and swift action in response to violations will be required to ensure the sustainability of community health and individual's presence and participation in the campus community.

For additional information or questions contact Student Services Offices at 304-243-2350 or Vice President Andrew Lewis at alewis@wju.edu .