

Gannon University is committed to promoting an environment that is conducive to learning, living, engaging and thriving in student and employee life on campus. These guiding principles, particularly as we enter the endemic phase of COVID-19, must be balanced with respect and well-being for each individual and the university community as a whole and place shared responsibility and accountability on each of us. While recognizing our commitment, no one can guarantee what shape COVID-19 will take, and none of us - including Gannon University - can guarantee a COVID-19 free environment.

The COVID-19 situation is dynamically changing and as such, we continue to learn new things and make adjustments as needed. While we are relaxing restrictions and COVID-19 mitigation efforts, a change in circumstances could dictate we institute new mitigation efforts or re-adopt previously used ones. Circumstances may dictate special needs, and these may include such things as: adhering to policies with respect to remote or hybrid learning, return-to-university policies and protocol, temperature checks, social distancing, wearing masks or other facial coverings, using other PPE, not reporting to class or work if sick, self-reporting sickness to assist in contact tracing, submitting to COVID-19 testing, and isolating or quarantining when required. In the meantime, we will share in the efforts to keep our community safe. Our COVID response team will continue to manage isolation and care of symptomatic individuals and each of us will manage keeping ourselves safe and healthy.

By allowing our Gannon family to make the decision to become vaccinated or not, we expect individuals to be accountable in taking responsibility for their own choices and acknowledging that a choice may not be extended by external partners relative to outside experiences such as travel, internships, clinical/teaching placements, etc., and that if vaccination is required by those entities the individual understands their choice may impact and jeopardize their ability to participate in those experiences.

I hereby acknowledge:

1. Gannon faculty, staff, and students must work together to create as safe of an environment as possible. Minimizing risk and protecting everyone's well-being must be a priority of the entire Gannon University family.
2. Gannon faculty, staff, students, visitors, and guests are expected to abide by standards and policies currently in place and as modified in the future, as needed. I understand that it is my duty to keep apprised of these changes in order to protect myself and the university family and community. Further, I agree to participate in any training and/or education related to COVID-19 policies and/or guidelines, as well as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, as required.
3. Gannon will make every effort to keep our faculty, staff, and students apprised of COVID-related updates and changes as they occur. Gannon is committed to communicating our COVID-19 status as it relates to the number of positive cases and isolations on campus, as well as the number of Gannon members fully vaccinated. In our combined efforts to facilitate the health, safety, and welfare of every member of the Gannon family, I agree it is my part to report:
 - (1) any COVID-19 positive test results to the Gannon Health Center through the LiveSafe app,
 - (2) any suspected positive tests that haven't been reported to the "Report a COVID-19 Violation or Concern" section of the LiveSafe app, and/or
 - (3) any symptoms of COVID-19 to the "Health Screening Questionnaire" section of the LiveSafe app.

I understand that I am not required to receive a COVID-19 vaccination nor submit my vaccination status. However, if I do not provide proof of being fully vaccinated to update.gannon.edu/vaccinocard, or my booster status to update.gannon.edu/boosters, I will be considered unvaccinated by the university. I understand that by uploading my COVID-19 vaccination and booster card to the Gannon Vaccine Reporting Portals, I am consenting to the sharing of my completed and up-to-date vaccination status with all university departments involved with COVID-19 mitigation efforts. In addition, I agree to participate in completing COVID-19 testing as may be recommended or required by Gannon University.

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4. I agree to be flexible in my working, learning, living, and/or social environment and will put forth my best effort in each. I agree to be helpful and respectful to those who may be struggling during this time and to those who are working to mitigate COVID-19 on campus, as well as facilitate any assistance I can, as appropriate.
5. I understand that none of us - including Gannon University - can guarantee a COVID-19-free environment and by coming onto campus and/or participating in Gannon-related activities, on or off campus, I understand and acknowledge that contracting COVID-19 is possible despite the best efforts of the entire Gannon family to minimize the risks. I will do my part, including being responsible for my own behavior and the behavior of any visitors and guests I host on campus.
6. I understand that this is an extremely important matter and we need to remain unified and respect each other as members of the Gannon family. Further, I understand that my actions can directly affect the success of the entire University.

By clicking Accept below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to this Acknowledgement. I also understand and acknowledge that Gannon has these COVID-19 safety protocols/procedures and policies in place to be proactive and appropriately respond to incidents in a manner that is in the best interest for the safety of the Gannon community. Lastly, I understand that Gannon will communicate any new or changing policies or guidance to me via official University communication means (i.e., email, Maroon Minute, update.gannon.edu, etc.) and that it is my responsibility to ensure that I remain current in my review of these communications.