

Here are four approaches Gannon University could use to reduce density quickly across our Erie and Ruskin campuses, if the need arose or was mandated. University personnel are continuing to explore options involved with each of these approaches, and with others.

3 to 5-day shutdown

The Pennsylvania Department of Education suggested this in earlier guidance. This is akin to a time out with no courses delivered. Everyone quarantines in place; campus operations cease, with the exception of housing and food service (service maintained by delivery).

2-week shutdown

Everyone quarantines in place. Classes are delivered online where possible. Campus operations cease, with the exception of housing and food service (service maintained by delivery).

Pod shutdown

Send home all those who can be sent home. Shift all primarily classroom-based courses to online. Allow labs and clinical courses to continue with added precautions for healthy students, faculty and staff with increased testing of all involved.

Total shutdown

Transition all courses to online as occurred in Spring 2020. Suspend labs and clinical courses that cannot be delivered virtually. Provide safe housing and essential services for those unable to return home.