As with everything this year, move-in will be a different experience. There will still be the excitement of starting anew, but it will be packaged around social distancing and other precautions because of COVID-19.

Each incoming first year student has been assigned an arrival time. This information was sent in early July to their Gannon email address from the Office of Residence Life or their coach if moving in early for Athletics.

Move-in for new, first-year students will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Wednesday, Aug. 5. Move-in will be immediately followed by Gannon Welcome Week, which is required for all new students. New students can find more information at www.gannon.edu/accepted.

Move-in for returning students will take place Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. outside the Hammermill Center on Peach Street.

Some key things to remember about move-in:
1. Students are allowed only two guests. We will have teams here to help move stuff in.
2. Students and their guests will be temperature scanned to ensure that no one with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher enters our buildings.
3. If a student is coming from a “hot” state or traveling by air to get here, he or she will be tested for COVID-19 shortly after arrival and will isolate in their room until the result is back, which will be about 24 hours. The Gannon Health Center is coordinating these tests. For those who need to schedule a test, send an email to amenta005@gannon.edu.
4. Each student and their family should be doing the daily wellness check via the LiveSafe app.
5. More details about move-in are on the MyHousing portal, which can be accessed through the home page at my.gannon.edu.
6. If you have a question or a comment, you can submit it at https://www.gannon.edu/Questions-or-Comments/.

Below is an actual email to one of our students about their move-in instructions. We offer it here as a sample of the communication that went out July 9 in case it provides more context about the upcoming experience.

7/9/2020

Dear (Incoming Student),

Welcome to Gannon! The Office of Residence Life is excited to welcome you to campus. We have been busy preparing our residence halls for your arrival and we look forward to welcoming you on move-in day. We are excited to become your new home away from home!

Your room assignment and roommates are available to view on your MyHousing Portal where you completed your application – on the “Application Status” page. If you would like to contact your roommates via email, please log in to the MyGannon Portal at my.gannon.edu and utilize the “Community Search – Student” in the middle of the page.

In order to maintain social distancing, we have assigned individual move-in times. Your move in is scheduled for (DATE) at (TIME).

Step 1: Please arrive 15 minutes early and park in our welcome lot located at 720 Sassafras St. on the corner of 8th St. and Sassafras St. From there our Orientation & Transition staff will notify you when it is your turn to proceed to your residence hall. Please have a form of identification ready so we can confirm your assignment and direct you to the correct location. All members of your party will have a temperature scan to ensure all are below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and all will be expected to wear a mask throughout the entire check-in and move-in process and abide by all instructions for social distancing. If a member of your party has a medically certified reason that prevents them from safely wearing a mask, please come prepared with proper documentation stating this exception.
Step 2: We will conduct a temperature scan for every member of your party to ensure all are below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. (Should anyone display a temperature over 100.4 we have a process in place and will pull your party to the side to explain all options and work through the following steps).

Step 3: Once your party is cleared and your Residence Hall team is ready for the next move-in group, you will be instructed to proceed to your residence hall. There, you will be greeted by Residence Life staff who will guide you through the check-in process and give you your Welcome packet, which includes your room key, student ID, and mailbox information.

Gannon will have move-in volunteers ready to help you unload your vehicle and get you checked into your space upon arrival. If you want this assistance, please ensure all boxes and items are labeled with student name and room number. We ask that you take your trash and cardboard boxes out to the dumpsters and special cardboard recycling containers located behind your building during your move-in period. We appreciate your cooperation in separating trash/packaging out and breaking down cardboard boxes so there is enough space for everyone to dispose of moving materials.

For the well-being of our entire Gannon Family, we ask that each student limit their group to no more than two additional guests for move-in assistance. Guests will have two hours to help you settle in to your space before departing residence halls. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation sticking to this schedule to ensure every family experiences the same care and consideration during the move-in process.

Each student will be required to complete a Wellness Survey on the LiveSafe app daily 14 days in advance of their anticipated arrival to campus and prior to going to class each day thereafter. You can find instructions for downloading this app at https://update.gannon.edu/Documents/GannonLivesafeErieDownload.pdf. We would appreciate that each family member coming for move-in also take the survey for 14-days prior to arriving at campus (beginning July 21, 2020 for most students).

After the move-in process has concluded, Gannon Welcome Week begins! You will experience Welcome Week with a small group, also known as your First Year Team (FYT). Please be sure to register for FYT before July 15. You can find more information about the Find Your FYT program at www.gannon.edu/welcomeweek.

We look forward to getting to know you in the fall and hope the rest of your summer is enjoyable. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Residence Life at reslife@gannon.edu. Again, welcome to the Gannon University family!

Sincerely,
Office of Residence Life
Gannon University