

our plan for **reKnighting**

GANNON UNIVERSITY AT RUSKIN RE-ENTRY PLAN

JUNE 2020

Gannon University at Ruskin is resuming face-to-face instruction and operations this summer and fall, 2020.

Reopening our university with consideration for the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority. For this reason, we've created a reopening plan that complies with the guidance of federal, state and local authorities that allows us to return to campus as carefully as we can.

Modifications around classroom learning and social interactions will be in place, among other changes. We are confident this plan will provide our students with the best possible learning environment and academic opportunities to deliver an impactful Gannon experience.

Re-Entry Timeline:

- Maintenance staff returns week of June 15.
- PA faculty and staff return June 22.
- PA Class of 2021 return June 30.
- PA Class of 2021 complete on-campus labs July 16.
- MSES faculty and all GSPRT 520 students return July 20-24.
- MAT faculty and students return to complete a one-day, pre-clinical experience Aug. 1.
- DPT faculty, staff, and the Class of 2021 and Class of 2022 return to complete spring lab work Aug. 3-21.
- OTD, PA, MSES and SLP students start fall courses on Aug. 10.
- Fitness Center opens with modified capacity Aug. 10.
- School store opens by appointment only Aug. 10.
- DPT and MAT students start fall courses on Aug. 26.

Prevention

Faculty, students, and staff are all part of the Gannon's Ruskin community. We have a responsibility to protect each other from COVID-19 both on campus and off campus. As a starting point, the following policies and procedures are being put in place in anticipation of our return.

- All students and personnel returning to campus should self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of return. In addition, all faculty, staff, and students are required to be tested for COVID-19 4-5 days prior to the start of class, in Florida. Further information on testing locations available will be sent to each person in advance of their return.
- Face masks are required to be worn at all times when located anywhere on campus, unless you have a medical reason for not doing so. Use of hand sanitizer and social distancing whenever possible will be practiced.

Wellness Screening

The LiveSafe App is now live in Ruskin and should be downloaded on to your phone. You will receive a separate communication on how to link to this app and how to access the Wellness Survey for all faculty, staff, and students. Each student will be required to complete the Wellness Survey on the app prior to coming to campus each day. Based on your survey answers you will receive one of two possible messages: 1) Green Check - It sounds like you're feeling ok or 2) Red X - Please inform your manager and do not report to work.

If you receive a Green Check, you are allowed to come to campus. Upon arrival to campus everyone will be required to have their temperature checked by personnel at designation stations. If your temperature is less than 100.4 degrees, you will receive a sticker and be permitted to attend class. Cohorts attending class on campus before fall semester will have their temperature taken in front of the administration building. There will be two stations. Please do not gather around the station and remember to maintain a 6-foot distance from all persons around you. At the start of the fall semester, there will be four temperature stations, two in front of the administration building and two in the garage to the side of the administration building. Regardless of when you arrive on campus you must have your temperature checked.

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If you received a Green Check on the LiveSafe survey, but you record a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees, then you will be asked to return home and to contact the Health & Wellness Center on the Erie campus as soon as possible.

For employees, if you received a Red X on the survey, please inform your manager and do not report to work. For students and faculty, please report to your program director. For program directors and staff, please report to Rick Johnson. In addition to informing your program director, you must contact the Health & Wellness Center at the Erie campus as soon as possible.

Masks, Masks, Masks

Most importantly, all faculty, staff, and students will be given a reusable mask and will be required to wear a mask that meets all CDC guidelines when in the presence of other members of the Gannon family. This requirement will protect you and others.

Handwashing should be done frequently throughout the day, especially before and after labs. All spaces on campus are now configured to maintain social distancing between individuals and to allow for 6-feet in all directions. You will notice signage throughout both buildings that will direct the flow of traffic to further ensure we are able to maintain social distancing. Please follow these signs even if it takes you the “long” way to your destination. Each cohort of students will be instructed on how to clean surfaces during the day. Cleaning staff will clean all surfaces prior to the start of each day. Throughout the day, surfaces frequently touched/used will be cleaned more often by staff.

Bathroom, Conference Rooms, School Store, Fitness Center, Food Minibar

Only one student will be permitted in each bathroom at a time. There will be a sign outside each larger bathroom. If the sign says vacant you can enter and move the sign to the occupied position. Conference rooms in the administration building can only be occupied by two people sitting at opposite ends of the table. The large conference room in the new building may have four occupants. Chairs are placed in the allowable locations.

The Fitness center will open on Aug. 10. Hours will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The use of the center will be by appointment only. The space will accommodate a maximum of five people at one time. Fitness employees will direct all participants on safe distancing, use of the locker rooms, and the cleaning of all surfaces.

The school store is open for business by appointment only. To check out the new apparel, please email Annette Robinson for a store visit.

We have moved the refrigerators and microwaves to discourage excessive student gathering. The minibar and coffee machine have been discontinued indefinitely. Please bring your food to school and/or use local community venues. Drinking fountains will only be available for filling water bottles.

Classroom Layout

Unless otherwise specified, classes will be offered predominantly face-to-face with all members of each class attending. All lecture based classes will have the ability for simultaneous in class and remote delivery options should a person find themselves in a medically relevant circumstance that does not allow for their presence on campus.

The following changes in room configuration have been made to maintain safe social distancing.

- The second floor of the new building will have combination tables and raised mat tables that can accommodate 30+ students for both lecture and lab. The class space will have a projector, microphone, speakers and Wi-Fi. We will use the back wall to project lecture material.
- The third floor will have classroom tables, a projector, microphones, speakers and a new 180-inch screen that will permit a class of 30+ students.
- Room 145 and 146 will be opened up into one large classroom that will accommodate 30+ students and faculty.

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- Rooms 143 and 144 will become one large lab with the hi/low tables spaced across the space. These changes provide four large classrooms that can handle all courses with a size of 30+ students. The SLP lab will now have eight combination tables and will be used for OTD, AT and SES labs, along with room 102 and 103 in the Administration Building.
- Classrooms will have camera systems and microphones in place to allow for audible enhancement for lecture delivery with masks and live streaming of material remotely.

Outreach

We will continue to monitor operations in this ever changing environment and will be providing additional updates as planning continues, in person classes begin, or should circumstances change. In the meantime, should you have specific questions, the following people will be your resources:

- Operations – Rick Johnson (johnson171@gannon.edu)
- Admissions- Desi Herter (herter001@gannon.edu)
- Program – Chair/Director of Program

Thank you for your continued flexibility and participation in providing us all with every opportunity to continue providing an excellent education to our future healthcare practitioners.