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Will I have to wear a mask?

Yes. All members of the Gannon community will need to wear a mask anytime they are on-campus. All students were provided a welcome kit that included both cloth masks and disposable masks in the fall.

Information on face coverings can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

What is a daily wellness check?

This is a questionnaire that you will complete each day through the LiveSafe app or website. If you do not have access to the app or website, you can complete your wellness check in the Waldron Campus Center.

The questionnaire requires a temperature check. This can be self-administered using the thermometer provided to you in your welcome kit, or it can be taken at one of the stations on campus.

Below are PDFs – one to show you how to download the LiveSafe app and one that gives an overview of what you're looking at. Each features a QR code to direct you to the app for download.

- [View LiveSafe mobile app features](#)
- [Download the app for the Erie campus](#)
- [Download the app for the Ruskin campus](#)
- [Access the LiveSafe survey on your computer](#)

What is a temperature check?

Students will be required to complete a temperature check in addition to their daily wellness check any time they enter the Beyer Cafeteria, Recreation & Wellness Center, and the Nash Library and Student Learning Commons.

Temperature checks may be administered via a free-standing thermal imaging kiosk or by a staff member using a handheld contactless thermometer.

When do I need to complete the Wellness Survey?

Each of us will be required to complete this daily COVID-19 wellness survey prior to arriving on campus – or, if you live on campus, before going to class. We are also asking that you begin taking the daily survey two weeks before your return to campus.

What happens if I do not pass my daily wellness check or a temperature check?

Anyone who does not pass their daily wellness check or an additional temperature check will be required to call or email the Gannon Health and Counseling Center to determine next steps. Based on your answers to the questions asked, the Gannon Health and Counseling Center can either: a) clear you for the day; b) send you to your home or to your dorm for symptom monitoring; c) have you complete a COVID-19 test.

Do I need to take a temperature check every time I walk into an academic building?

No. You are required to complete the daily wellness check once each day via the LiveSafe app or in the Waldron Campus Center. Once that is complete, you will not need a temperature check to enter your academic buildings – unless entering the Beyer Cafeteria, Recreation & Wellness Center or Nash Library and Student Learning Commons.

What happens if I have symptoms in my daily Wellness Check and need to take a COVID-19 test?

Commuters who are required to take a COVID-19 test will be required to stay at home or their off-campus residence until they receive their test results.

Residents who are required to take a COVID-19 test may be moved into an isolation room until they receive their test results.

The Gannon Health and Counseling Center will schedule an appointment for testing for students showing symptoms. If you test positive for COVID-19 you will be required to stay in isolation and follow instruction provided by Health Center.

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What will our classrooms look like?

Physical distancing will be obvious when entering your classrooms. In most cases, seats and desks have been removed to permit 36 square feet per person in the room. Where seats could not be removed, signage has been placed to indicate what can and cannot be used.

Also, eating will not be permitted in classrooms because you will not be able to both eat and keep your mask on at the same time.

Will I have to show I have completed my screening to attend class?

Faculty should ask everyone in attendance to prove they have taken the COVID-19 questionnaire in the LiveSafe app. You should be able to show the confirmation email if you took it through the app. If you took the questionnaire at one of the on-campus check stations, you can show the card you received at the screening site.

If you have not done this, you will be asked to leave the class.

Helpful tip: Take a screen shot each day of your result to ease this process with each class.

Will I have to clean my study area?

Students will be asked to “Wipe in, Spray out” as part of our cleaning protocol. It is at faculty’s discretion whether each student helps each day, or if the duty is assigned to an individual. The disinfectant being used needs “dwell time” to be most effective. Spraying it to allow a few minutes to pass before it is wiped off will mean a more sanitary work area for the next student.

Though new research is showing there is low risk of transmitting COVID-19 by contact with surfaces, we believe taking these added precautions will further reduce risk while also reducing the risk of other illnesses, including flu.

Will there still be office hours with faculty?

Yes, but we will be encouraging remote office hours where possible to limit the possible transmission of COVID-19. Face-to-face meetings will be arranged at the faculty member’s discretion.

How will dining operate differently?

To begin with, seating has been reduced in the main dining hall to reduce density in the space. In addition, buffets have been eliminated and other mostly customized services have been reinvented. There will be far more grab-and-go options, many more pre-made selections.

A new grab-and-go location has been created in Waldron to alleviate congestion at other locations.

Doc’s Landing and Knight’s Cove have new traffic patterns and nearby seating has been reduced.

Will I be required to sign the form to acknowledge respect and responsibility regarding COVID-19?

Yes. Like other universities, we are trying to drive home the importance of student behavior on all of our health. The well-being of everyone on campus relies on the actions of each of us individually.

Will I be allowed to travel home on weekends?

Travel will be discouraged, given the inherent risks of exposure when leaving campus – particularly if that travel involves airlines. If you travel by air, or out of the state of Pennsylvania, you will be required to quarantine and complete two tests upon return - on day 1 and day 5. You will attend class online until your first test results are received, and will only be permitted to attend educational and university obligations while you await your second test results.

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How will I know if you make other COVID-19 decisions?

All of our updates are posted on our website at <https://update.gannon.edu>. We also encourage you to continue monitoring your email for information that will be communicated as it becomes available.

What if I cannot attend classes because of a health condition?

Remote delivery may be an option. To do this, you will need to email Kathleen Ellwood, director of Academic Advising, at ellwood002@gannon.edu.

What will happen if there is a COVID-19 outbreak on campus?

This will depend on who is involved, how many are involved, and where they are. If it involves an on-campus student or students, they would be moved to isolation rooms that have been set aside in one of the residence halls. If it is a commuter student, they would be sent to isolate at their off-campus housing. If it is an employee, they would be sent home to isolate.

Also, contact tracing and notifications of those who were exposed would commence.

If necessary, the workspace where that employee or employees had been working would be left alone for 24 hours. It would then be cleaned.

What should I do if I find out I have been exposed to COVID-19 off campus?

If you have come in contact with a positive case, please report this using your LiveSafe app to notify the Gannon Health Center. Do not report to campus and await further instruction from the Health Center.

How will I know what days I am supposed to attend my classes if I am in a HyFlex class?

Students will be contacted by their instructor and notified of any changes to their course schedule or delivery.

Where can I go to use a computer if I have to attend a class via Zoom in between regular classes and I do not have a laptop?

Computers will be available in the library and in the Power Room at the Waldron Campus Center.

What should I do if I am concerned about other students not following safety procedures?

You can report a coronavirus concern via the yellow box in the LiveSafe app. That note goes to Police & Safety and to the Gannon Health and Counseling Center.