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Overview

Fontbonne University is committed to providing a full and rich educational experience while aligning with guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), the [American College Health Association](#) (ACHA) and the [St. Louis County Department of Health](#) to protect the health and well-being of our students, employees and the community. The Pandemic Planning and Coordinating Team (PACT) has developed robust and thoughtful plans for returning to campus that are based on that commitment and include many adjustments to our normal operating policies and procedures.

In working toward a return to campus, Fontbonne is providing the following expectations and guidance. More detailed, up-to-date policies and procedures for specific campus spaces and activities can be found on our website at www.fontbonne.edu/GriffinReturn. We will continuously update our plans as our knowledge and understanding of the COVID-19 virus evolves and as disease transmission in the greater St. Louis community changes.



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Health and Safety

Face Coverings

- Everyone (students, employees and guests) is required to wear a face covering on campus when in public spaces, both indoors and outdoors.
- An appropriate face covering must fully cover your mouth and nose at all times unless you are alone in a personal residential or individual office space, are eating in a designated area, or are outside and can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others.
- Student athletes will be given additional guidance regarding the use of masks for practice and competition.
- Fontbonne will provide a limited number of reusable cloth masks to all employees and students prior to the beginning of the fall semester. Individuals must maintain an adequate supply of personal face coverings to allow for washing and daily use.
- More information about face coverings can be found [here](#).

Protection and Prevention

- Wash your hands and sanitize frequently following [CDC guidelines](#).
- Avoid touching your face when possible.
- Do not share supplies such as cutlery or office equipment (pens, staplers, etc.)
- Cover coughs and sneezes.

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Cleaning and Disinfecting

- All cleaning and sanitizing products used on campus are CDC-recommended and FDA-approved for effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2.
- High-touch surfaces such as building entrances and exits, restroom doors, doorknobs and elevator buttons will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- Hand sanitizer stations and disinfectant wipe dispensers will be available in all classrooms and offices as well as in the hallways of each building near elevator and stairwell entrances. Use them to keep workspaces and personal items clean before and after each use and throughout the day.
- Common sources of infection such as drinking fountains will be closed. Refill stations for reusable water bottles will be available throughout campus.

Social Distancing and Density Reduction

- Everyone should maintain at least six feet of separation from others in all indoor and outdoor spaces on campus at all times.
- Signs outlining distancing guidelines will be posted in common spaces and some offices.
- To promote distancing, [classroom](#) and office capacity will be reduced; physical barriers will be installed where needed.
- Elevator occupancy will be limited; posted signs will indicate capacity.
- Where feasible, stairwells will be one-way and will be clearly marked.
- Furniture has been arranged to maintain social distancing and should not be moved.
- Fontbonne will limit the number of guests on campus. Employees may host invited speakers or vendors and will be responsible for ensuring they follow our [guest guidelines](#).

Screening

- All employees, students and visitors must self-screen daily for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Touchless temperature-taking stations will be located in each building to accommodate those without a thermometer.
- A smartphone app will be utilized for easy self-monitoring.
- Additional information about screening requirements can be found [here](#).

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Surveillance Testing

- At this time, routine testing of asymptomatic individuals is not readily available. We will continue to monitor public-health guidance and may adjust surveillance testing requirements accordingly.

Flu Shots and Protecting the Vulnerable

- Students and employees are strongly encouraged to get a flu shot. Updates regarding flu shot availability on Fontbonne's campus will be communicated at a later date.
- According to the CDC, certain persons may have a higher risk for COVID-19 infection. Accommodations, such as work from home or remote learning, may be possible for high-risk [students](#) and [employees](#).

In the Event of COVID-19 Like Illness

- COVID-19 is a contagious illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It is primarily passed from person to person, typically through respiratory droplets that result from coughing, sneezing or talking.
- Primary symptoms may include dry cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell and sore throat. Other symptoms could include congestion or runny nose, fever/chills, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. An up-to-date list of symptoms can be found [here](#).
- Members of the community should actively monitor their health each day and seek medical evaluation and treatment if they have any symptoms that could be affiliated with COVID-19.
- Students can get information about COVID-19, testing and isolation or quarantine by contacting the campus nurse. The campus nurse's hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please call 314-889-4784 or email campus nurse Carla Hagan at chagan@fontbonne.edu. There will be no walk-in visits.
- Employees can get information about COVID-19 work policies [here](#).

Counseling and Well-being

- Fontbonne is taking a holistic approach to physical and emotional well-being. While steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 are physical, they will undoubtedly have consequences for short-term and long-term mental health. More information regarding how to improve your physical and mental health upon returning to campus can be found [here](#).

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Academics

- The Fall 2020 academic calendar is modified as follows:
 - October 19 and October 20 (formerly Fall Break) are now instructional days.
 - Thanksgiving break will extend from Monday, November 23, through Friday, November 27.
 - Remote instruction for all classes will begin Monday, November 30 and continue through the end of the semester, December 10.
 - No face-to-face instruction or testing may occur after Thanksgiving break unless an exception has been sought and obtained prior to the start of the semester. Such exceptions may only occur in experiential courses and will be noted in the syllabus.
- The format of courses during the fall semester will vary with a mix of in-class, remote and blended instruction.
- Some courses will have limited on-campus components. Students should use their [Canvas](#) calendars and other organization devices to stay abreast of physical and virtual meetings.
- High-risk students should work with advisors to plan remote participation if possible. A list of remote courses can be found on [GriffinNet](#). High-risk students who must take an on-site class should contact Regina Wade Johnson, Fontbonne's Academic Support and Accommodations Coordinator, at rwadejohnson@fontbonne.edu.
- Regardless of the modality of teaching in place at the beginning of the semester, circumstances in the community and orders from St. Louis County may mandate a switch to distance learning at any time. Faculty are developing plans should this occur.
- Tutoring and other academic support services will be available both in-person and remotely. Details will be available on the Kinkel Center for Student Success, Academic Advising and Engagement [webpage](#).

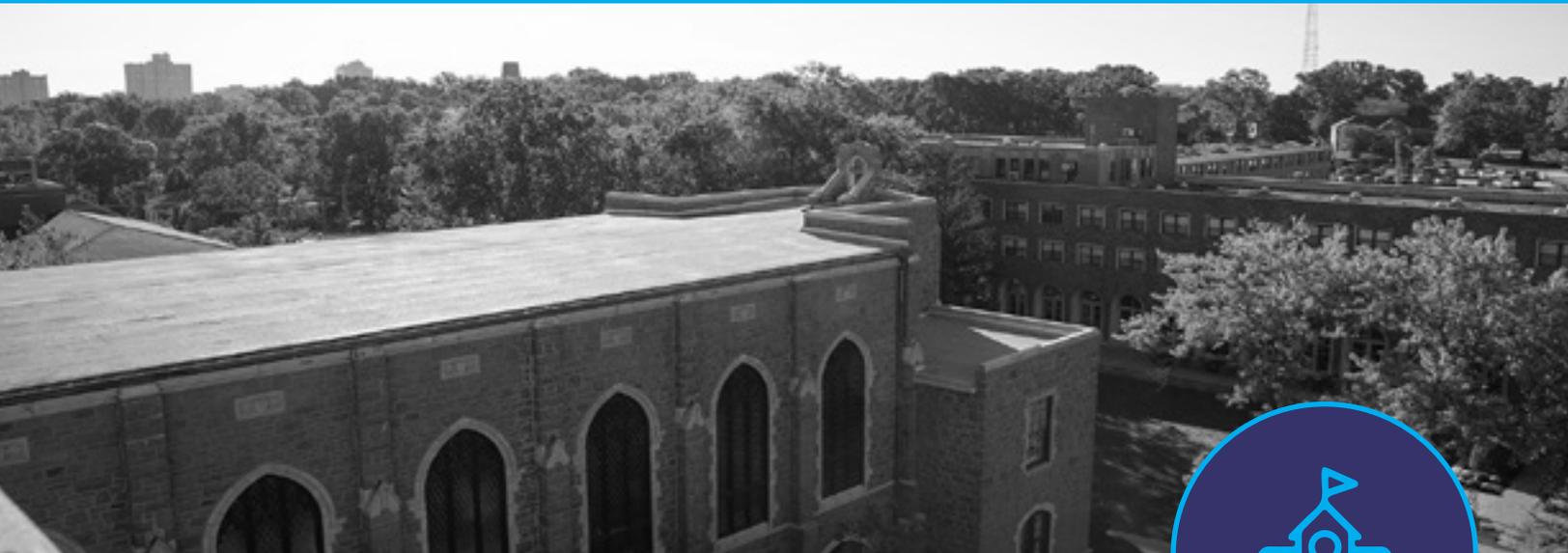
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Technology

- Employees who require assistance with software or equipment should open a ticket through the FBU Service Desk's [online portal](#).
- Students with technology needs should contact Janelle Julian, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, at jjulian@fontbonne.edu.
- Canvas training sessions have been implemented to assist with e-learning. Accommodations for students with poor Internet or inability to access computers are being explored.

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Campus Life

- Fontbonne is exploring creative ways to allow students to interact, engage and hold events while still following health and safety guidelines. These opportunities may occur virtually, outdoors, or in size-appropriate settings.
- All organization events must be pre-approved by the Center of Leadership and Community Engagement (LACE Center). Contact Janelle Julian at jjulian@fontbonne.edu.
- Fall Orientation and Welcome Week events are scheduled to occur primarily in-person but will involve more deliberate small-group sessions housed in spaces that allow for social distancing.
- Student organizations may still operate but will need to follow new health and safety protocols.
- All student support services and administrative offices will be open to students throughout the academic year; however, hours and procedures may be adjusted. Contact information for all offices can be found in Fontbonne's [directory](#).
- Students experiencing COVID-19-related challenges, including technology issues or financial difficulties, should contact Janelle Julian at jjulian@fontbonne.edu.

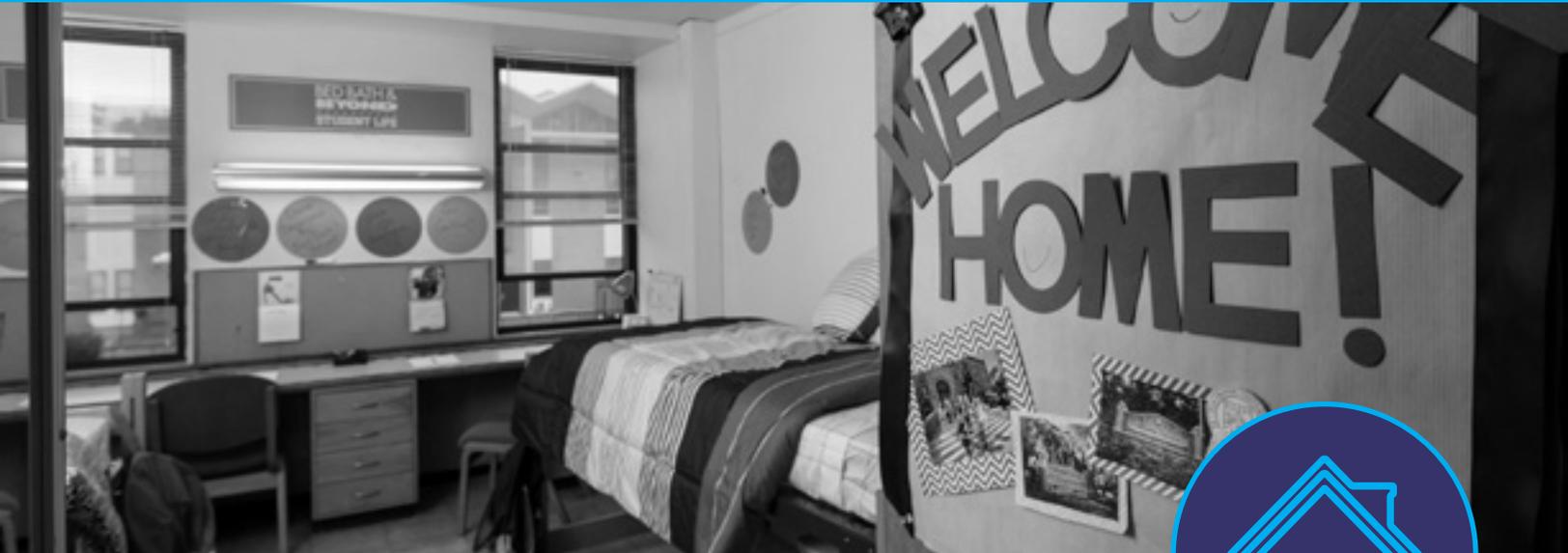
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Dining

- The Griffin Grill, the Coffee House in the library and the Ryan Hall dining area will be open; however, alterations have been made to assist with social distancing.
- Seating will be limited to one or two persons per table so at least six feet of physical distancing can be maintained.
- Limited indoor seating is available for commuter students who may not have access to other dining locations. Resident students are asked to take food back to their residence hall lobbies or rooms. Employees are encouraged to eat in their offices. Those utilizing limited outdoor seating must maintain social distancing at all times.
- Only to-go options will be available at the food venues. Cafeteria-style service will not be offered. More information on food service can be found [here](#).

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Residential Life

- Fontbonne's residential facilities will be open and available for resident students at the beginning of the fall semester.
- Policies and procedures, including increased cleaning measures and mask usage, will be adopted to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.
- There will be a reduction of spaces in each building to promote social distancing, reduce density, and to provide housing to students in quarantine or isolation, if necessary.
- Special precautions will be taken to reduce density and allow for distancing during move in. In July, residential students will receive an email with move-in details, including room and roommate information.
- Residential Life is following guidelines from the CDC and the St. Louis County Health Department in order to provide reasonable precautions for students' well-being. More information about our policies can be found [here](#).

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Athletics

- Fontbonne seeks every opportunity to safely return our student athletes to play. We are closely monitoring evolving guidance and will announce additional details as they are available.
- As of July 15, it is the current intention of the SLIAC to host regularly sponsored SLIAC intercollegiate athletics as well as non-conference opponents on all nine member campuses, as allowed.



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