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Fall 2020 COVID-19 Guide

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A. Re i l a i f Ca

1. While the institution maintains both Emergency Response and Continuity of Operation Plans, and as we also have an established Campus Emergency Response Team, which includes representation from multiple campus areas, the University created a group whose specific purpose is to manage the impact of COVID-19.

This team is charged with developing and executing a plan to support face-to-face delivery of education for its traditional students and to safely return to this instructional method for the Fall, 2020.

Virginia Wesleyan University's COVID-19 Emergency Response Team includes:

Dr. Scott Miller, University President
Dr. Maynard Schaus, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Keith Moore, Vice President for Campus Life and Oper

that they satisfactorily meet the criteria. This online acknowledgment will be available on WebAdvisor (student portal). Additionally, upon arrival for the beginning of the fall semester, each

devices. Per known best practices, all community members will be required to conduct a self-screening each day prior to reporting to work or classes. If an individual, through the LiveSafe self-screening process, identifies as symptomatic, confidential notification will automatically be sent to the Office of Human Resources in the case of an employee and to the student health management team in the case of students.

4. The University has launched a cleanliness and hygiene campaign that includes online tutorials and videos, flyers, and other means to assure individuals understand their roles as responsible campus citizens. These efforts will be part of the institution's return to the workplace efforts, orientation of new students, and the education of those students returning to campus in the fall.
5. Physical distancing will be systematically integrated into all functions of the University.

Academic Calendar: To account for the possibility of individuals contracting the virus while away from campus for extended periods of time, to include fall, Thanksgiving, and winter breaks, the University modified its Fall 2020 academic calendar to the following:

- August 24: Semester starts two (2) days early
 - October 12-13: Fall break eliminated
 - November 20: On-campus instruction ends
 - November 30 - December 4: flex week with remote instruction, virtual individual conferences, independent work time
 - December 7-11: Exam week (exams Dec. 7, 8, 10, 11; Reading Day Dec. 9)
 - December 11: Semester ends
 - December 13: All grades due
- a. Class offerings will be spread out throughout th

6. Hygiene practices and cleaning/disinfecting protocols

Cleaning: Communal restrooms will be cleaned twice a day. Social distancing will also be promoted in the restrooms. A log inside each facility will note the cleaning schedule

- a. All community members will be educated on: the importance of maintaining social

Managing Health Care and Decision Making

B. Managing Health Care and Decision Making

1. Based upon recommendations from state and local health officials and to best protect our campus community, the University requires ALL students who will be attending on-campus classes full or part time this fall to submit a negative COVID-19 test result. To clarify, this means all day, evening and weekend students who will be present on campus at any time throughout the semester. Students should also quarantine at home for 14 days prior to returning to campus and remain vigilant in social distancing, use of face coverings, and frequent hand washing. **Students who test positive must:**

All students who test positive must notify the University by email at covidsafe@vwu.edu 14 days prior to their return to campus. Test results will remain confidential.

For example, students scheduled to return to campus on August 20th must submit test results no sooner than August 6th. Test results will remain confidential.

Students who test positive must:

- Self-isolate at home.
- Consult a medical professional immediately.
- Notify the University by email at covidsafe@vwu.edu.
- Students may return to in-person classes after they have retested and can submit a negative result or after quarantining for at least 10 days beyond the first positive test or the onset of symptoms (if symptoms have improved and the student remains fever free without medication). More information is available [here](#).
- Academic accommodations will be made and remote and/or synchronous instruction will be available for those unable to attend live classes.

Visit the CDC website for more information about [COVID-19 testing](#) and to locate a [testing site](#) near you. Testing is covered by most insurance plans and low- or no-cost testing may be available at select CVS Health, Kroger, Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Walmart locations.

2. All community members will be required to monitor their own health and potential symptoms. Each will be educated on the specifics of a self-check that includes the symptoms associated with COVID-19.
3. During the academic year, individuals experiencing symptoms may be directed to have a test completed. The University is strongly considering and weighing all viable options relative to testing and will adjust plans in this regard as guidance and best practices are updated. The University's preferred site is Sentara Independence located at 800 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455.

4. After experiencing symptoms, an individual may be directed to have a test. Additionally, based on changes to prevalence on campus, the University may alter its approach. Testing strategies may include:
 - a. Community testing for all employees and/or students.
 - b. Systematic prevalence testing.
 - c. Screening/symptomatic testing on site during orientation/move-in.
 - d. Referral for testing if symptomatic or those self-reporting possible symptoms.

COVID-19 Response Plan The Director's Office

C. COVID-19 Response Plan for the Director's Office

1. The University has partnered with the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health and has discussed protocols for contact tracing. This continued dialogue includes partners from Sentara Medical Group.
2. The University will hold a limited number of spaces on campus for individuals with suspected/confirmed cases of COVID-19 and to accommodate the needs for room changes. Additionally, the University will be working with its partners at a local Extended Stay as an overflow provision. The University has identified 20 spaces (approximately 2.5% of total occupancy) that will be reserved for students needing to quarantine or isolate. Staff members in Campus Life are prepared to assist students with transitioning to temporary space and will work with facilities staff to ensure a safe transfer. The University will work with a recovering student and his or her family to determine at what point it would be best to manage the illness at home or to be transported to a local facility for advanced care.
3. Campus outbreak management will include prevalence criteria based on VDH guidance and practices outlined by the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health.

After a confirmed case, facilities management and housekeeping staff, who have been trained on enhanced cleaning procedures, will identify areas of concern in conjunction with the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health. Subsequently, these places will be cleaned and disinfected. Outside doors and windows will be opened to increase air circulation in the area. Cleaning staff will follow procedures that consist of wearing disposable gloves, gowns, and masks. High-touch areas will be addressed with Oxivir TB wipes, an EPA-approved disinfectant. Trash and other disposable items in the area will be discarded and all surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected with Virex II 256. Areas will be vacuumed and hard floors cleaned and disinfected with Virex II 256. Each space will then be inspected by the supervising staff and staff from the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health if needed.

Other provisions may include:

- a. Temporary modification of course instruction.
 - b. Relocation of classes.
 - c. Suspension of academic and other activities based on conditions.
 - d. Revision of University policies and practices to address changes in conditions and guidance.
4. As stated on page 8, item 10, Virginia Wesleyan benefits from its close relationship with Sentara Medical Group through their management of the Student Health Center and Athletic Training Facility. Additionally, the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health is partnering with the University to provide the best and most recent information that will be shared with the

community. These three parties meet regularly to discuss new guidance, plans, and scenarios relative to managing the virus to include managing schematic individuals requiring care.

D. Should COVID-19 be a public health emergency? If needed, see COVID-19 and Public Health Guidance

1. In collaboration with the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health, the University will address conditional concerns relative to COVID-19 prevalence in a certain