



## Return to Campus Plan for Students In Response to COVID-19

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Rivier University will welcome new and returning students to campus this fall for face-to-face instruction and a residential experience. This document details the policies and procedures we have implemented to protect the health and safety of our students and the entire community. The content in this document applies to all Undergraduate (residents and commuters), Professional Studies, Graduate, and Doctoral students. A separate document has been distributed to University employees.

The University's Reopening Task Force has reviewed all aspects of our campus experience and created new protocols designed with student health and safety in mind. While COVID-19 has presented challenges to our learning and living environment and our campus will look different in some ways than it did previously, we remain committed to student success and to keeping the spirit of Rivier alive and well throughout our campus.

*The University reserves the right to add, change, or revise the policies and protocols included in this document and communicated elsewhere as conditions warrant. Please monitor e-mail and [www.rivier.edu/returntocampus](http://www.rivier.edu/returntocampus) for updated information. All other University policies remain in effect.*

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## FALL 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The University has modified the Academic Calendar to reduce the number of times residential students would normally depart and return to campus. Key dates and adjustments are highlighted below and the full [2020 Academic Calendar](#) is available online.

- **September 5, 6, and 7:** Resident students will have a phased move-in to the residence halls.
- **Tuesday, September 8:** Academic Convocation for Undergraduate students will be restructured to allow for physical distancing. 7- and 14-week Professional Studies, Graduate, and Doctoral classes begin.
- **Wednesday, September 9:** Undergraduate classes begin.
- **Monday, October 12:** The University will be open on this day, previously scheduled as the Columbus Day holiday. Face-to-face and online classes will be held and all campus offices will be open.
- **Tuesday, November 24:** Face-to-face classes will conclude at the end of the day and all instruction will be delivered remotely for the remainder of the semester from Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 18. Faculty and students should anticipate that exams and other projects will be completed remotely. Campus offices will remain open with the exception of the Thanksgiving holidays scheduled for Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.
- **Sunday, November 29:** Students will have the option to return to campus and residence halls beginning on this day to complete their coursework and will have access to Regina Library, the Dining Center, and other resources for the remainder of the semester. The process for post-Thanksgiving return to residences will be communicated to resident students in September.
- **Friday, December 18:** Final examinations will conclude and residence halls will close.
- **Tuesday, December 22 at 5 p.m.:** University offices will close for Christmas break.

## GENERAL SAFETY PRACTICES

### Compliance and Enforcement of COVID-19 Policies

The members of the University community depend upon one another to build a safe and vibrant community. Rivier expects compliance with our policies and practices detailed in this document and communicated elsewhere. Community members are encouraged to contact Public Safety and Security with any concerns about non-compliance. Failure to comply with protocols and procedures may result in removal from campus.

### COVID-19 Testing for Full-Time Undergraduate Students

The University is demonstrating increased vigilance in requiring full-time undergraduate students to submit COVID-19 test results prior to their arrival on campus. Students must take a COVID-19 test between August 25 and September 4. Test results must be uploaded to the students' Medicaat file no later than September 4 and must indicate the test date.

Testing is available at a variety of locations such as CVS Minute Clinic, Walgreens, Convenient MD, as well as urgent care facilities and through primary care physicians. Many locations do not require appointments, serve all patients, and do not require a referral from a primary care physician. Students should check with the specific testing facility for their requirements.

- [New Hampshire testing locations](#)
- [Massachusetts testing locations](#)

The University asks that all students take steps to limit their exposure risk in the 10 days prior to their arrival to campus. Additionally, Rivier is partnering with a local agency for ongoing COVID-19 population testing throughout the semester.

## **Reducing Transmission**

Students will be advised to follow personal hygiene and other practices to prevent the spread of the virus, including:

- Wearing disposable mask or cloth face covering
- Maintaining six-foot physical distancing
- Washing hands with soap for 20 seconds or more and if soap and water are not readily available, using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol
- Avoiding touching of the face, eyes, or mouth
- Practicing good respiratory etiquette including coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your elbow rather than into your hands

## **Physical Distancing**

Students and all members of the community should maintain physical distancing, keeping a distance of at least six feet between one another whenever possible.

## **Masks and Face Coverings**

Students and all members of the community will be required to wear masks or cloth face coverings in public spaces including classrooms, building entrances, reception areas, common areas, hallways, etc. Additionally, masks or cloth face coverings should be worn whenever six feet of physical distance is difficult to maintain both for indoor and outdoor spaces. Resident students who are alone or with their roommate in their room do not need to wear a face covering. The University will stock disposable masks at key building locations for emergency use.

Face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing or hand hygiene. However, cloth face coverings can help prevent pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals from inadvertently spreading the virus to others.

Face coverings should:

- Cover the nose and mouth
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be laundered frequently

Any student who is unable to wear a mask or face covering due to health reasons must contact the Office of Disability Services at [disabilityservices@rivier.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@rivier.edu). Rivier reserves the right to decline entry to campus to any individual who refuses to wear a face covering for nonmedical reasons.

## Facilities and Cleaning

To promote a clean and safe environment for students, the University has put the following measures in place:

- Cleaning protocols have been upgraded to meet CDC guidelines, including using EPA registered products which kill viruses even stronger than COVID-19.
- The frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of campus facilities has been increased. This includes restrooms and frequently used objects such as door handles, hand railings, and light switches. Bathrooms will be scheduled to close during certain times of the day to clean and disinfect the area.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed throughout campus.
- Common use areas such as conference rooms and shared/open seating areas may be closed and/or limited. Students should be attentive to site-specific posted notifications and room/building closure notifications.
- Traffic flow entering and exiting, as well as inside, some buildings may be altered to avoid crowding. Students should observe all posted signage.
- Students are encouraged to use stairs rather than elevators when possible.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed for welcome desk and library desk areas in which students interact with staff.
- The University will continue to implement other measures as deemed appropriate.

## Daily Health Self-Assessment and Symptom Monitoring

In accordance with applicable federal, state and local guidelines, all students will conduct a Daily Health Self-Assessment prior to arriving on campus or leaving their residence hall. For resident students, this includes weekends and holidays. The assessment will be e-mailed to students prior to arrival on campus. University employees also complete a health self-assessment before reporting to campus daily.

The Daily Health Self-Assessment will include, but may not be limited to, the following questions with protocols related to responses. If a student answers “YES” to any of the self-assessment questions, they will be instructed not to come to campus and not to attend classes in person.

1. In the last two weeks, did you care for or come in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
2. Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, or new onset of loss of taste and smell?

Students diagnosed with COVID-19, those experiencing symptoms, or those who have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 are required to report this information to the following offices:

- Resident students should contact the Office of Student Life and Housing Services at [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu)
- All other students should contact the Office of Student Affairs at [studentaffairs@rivier.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@rivier.edu)

Students who develop symptoms of COVID-19, even mild symptoms, should consult their primary care providers about testing, or seek testing through one of the public testing options, such as through a state-run testing center, local health department, or urgent care facility.

Students should familiarize themselves with symptoms of COVID-19 which may include:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Runny nose or new sinus congestion
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- New gastrointestinal symptoms
- New loss of taste or smell

### **Protocols for Positive Case**

In the event a Rivier student tests positive for COVID-19 (or receives a presumed positive diagnosis) and the student has been on campus in the prior 10 days, the student must notify the University to determine appropriate next steps (*see office contact information in previous section*). This notification allows the University to respond effectively and to protect the health and safety of the campus community while maintaining confidentiality of student health and medical information.

In all cases where a student tests positive (or receives a presumed positive diagnosis), they are to self-isolate for at least 10 days. Student isolation protocols include:

- Commuter students (as well as Professional Studies, Graduate, and Doctoral students) should isolate at home and are not permitted to come to campus.
- If a Resident student is able to go home, they will be isolated temporarily and sent home as soon as possible for the duration of their isolation.
- If a Resident student is unable to travel home, or if they have at-risk family members at home, or if they have other special circumstances, they will be isolated in an area the University has set aside.
- In conjunction with the appropriate government health agency, Rivier will undertake contact tracing following the student's notification. Contact tracing will include conversation with the student to determine potential exposures on campus.
- Students should not return to campus until cleared to do so following recommended CDC guidance (*See next section "Return to Campus After Illness"*).

When Rivier is notified of a student testing positive (or receiving a presumed positive diagnosis) for COVID-19, cleaning and disinfection protocols will be implemented in accordance with CDC recommendations. Rivier will take steps to clean and disinfect all physical spaces that have been used or may have been used by a person with a confirmed positive test result or who exhibited symptoms while on campus.

If a student is confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, or has received a presumed positive diagnosis, Rivier is obligated to notify Nashua Public Health or New Hampshire State Health officials and will advise other Rivier community members of their possible exposure, but the confidentiality of the infected individual will be maintained as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals that the student has been in contact with will be instructed to self-monitor for symptoms.

In addition to confirmed (or presumptive positive cases), the University reserves the right to prohibit a student, employee, or another individual exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or who was exposed to COVID-19 from entering campus facilities in the interest of protecting the health and safety of our community.

### **Return to Campus After Illness**

Students who have tested positive (or received a presumed positive diagnosis) for COVID-19 or who have quarantined with symptoms may return to campus when they have met the following criteria. See the CDC guidelines for additional information. In all cases, the student must follow the guidance of the medical provider and/or local health department.

If the student had a confirmed case of COVID-19 or believes to have had COVID-19 and experienced symptoms, the student may return to campus:

- at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared, **and**
- at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication, **and**
- symptoms have improved

If the student tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms, the student may return to campus after:

- 10 days have passed since positive test, **and**
- the student continues to have no symptoms

Students returning to campus will be asked to provide documentation, which may include a statement from a healthcare provider, clearing the student to return to campus.

Documentation and questions should be directed to the following offices:

- Resident students: Office of Student Life and Housing Services at [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu)
- All other students: Office of Student Affairs at [studentaffairs@rivier.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@rivier.edu)

## ACADEMICS: TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Office of Academic Affairs is creating a learning environment for the fall semester that meets the needs of our diverse student population while supporting health and safety practices.

### Courses and Classrooms

Capacity for each classroom is currently being considered in order to follow the University's health and safety protocols. For some classes, this may involve reducing the number of students within classrooms, moving to larger spaces when possible, or utilizing a secondary technology-enabled classroom to accommodate additional students. Students will receive updates on room locations when available. For classes requiring a significant format change, such as a move from on-campus to remote learning, the Divisional Dean, Program Director, or Faculty member will communicate this information to students.

### Request for Temporary Alternate Class Arrangements

As the University supports students on the path to degree completion, we understand that COVID-19 may impact a student's academic needs due to medical or other reasons. Students seeking temporary alternate class arrangements for the fall 2020 semester, such as remote learning or other accommodations, must submit a request using the form available online at [www.rivier.edu/returntocampus](http://www.rivier.edu/returntocampus) by Monday, August 10, 2020. The completed form should be submitted by e-mail to [returntocampus@rivier.edu](mailto:returntocampus@rivier.edu). The determination of the specific accommodations to be provided will be based on an evaluation of the individual student's documentation, personal needs, and academic requirements.

### Classroom Facilities and Cleaning

The University has implemented the following protocols for academic spaces:

- Students and faculty are required to wear masks or cloth face coverings in all public spaces including classrooms. Any student who does not wear a mask or cloth face covering will be asked by the faculty member to leave the classroom.
- Classrooms have been set up to maintain appropriate distancing protocols as can best be accommodated. Students should not move any furniture in the classroom.
- Disinfecting cleaners will be available and students should clean their desk surface when entering the classroom.
- High-touch point areas in classrooms will be cleaned daily.
- Students should not share any materials or objects such as pens, notebooks, textbooks, etc.) that they bring into the classroom.

### Lab Experiences

In individual learning spaces such as labs, students must follow the physical distancing and health and safety protocols outlined by the instructor for the space. These may vary somewhat from other classroom spaces.

## **Remote Learning While Sick with COVID-19**

Students who are not attending face-to-face classes due to COVID-19 will be able to participate in many class activities remotely through Canvas when they are well enough to do so. Students should communicate with all their professors as soon as they know they will be missing one or more classes. Students who are taking courses that cannot be continued remotely will be provided with alternate options.

## **Nursing Clinicals**

Students in all nursing courses, with the exception of Nursing 101, will conduct their clinical assignments in hospitals. Students will receive requirements and protocols specific to their hospital from their Nursing faculty or Nursing Clinical Coordinator. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided to all students. Students in Nursing 101 will have skills labs and deliberative practice on campus only, as well as simulation experiences both on-campus and virtually. Additional information will be communicated by the Division of Nursing and Health Professions.

## **Student Teaching and Field Experiences**

The Division of Education and Counseling is working with the NH Department of Education and local school districts to sustain student teaching and field experiences for students. The availability of these opportunities will be contingent on the individual reopening plans of each school district, which in many cases are still unknown at this time. The Program Director will work with students to secure in-person assignments as available and remote experiences when possible. Additional information will be communicated by the Division of Education and Counseling as the school districts release their reopening plans.

## **Service Learning and Internships**

University Career Services is working to provide virtual opportunities for service learning and internships, as well as in-person opportunities as availability and safety permit. Students will be able to engage with employers through virtual career fairs, informational interviews, and other programs.

## **Academic Support Services**

The University's academic support services including Academic and Career Advising, Academic Support Center, and Disability Services will service students remotely using Zoom and in person by appointment only.

## **Regina Library**

The Regina Library will follow all University protocols and policies related to masks and cloth face coverings as well as physical distancing. In addition:

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols will be implemented, including the isolation and cleaning of returned books and materials prior to being returned to the collection. The availability/lending of some materials may be limited due to sanitation protocols.

- Seating capacity will be reduced to allow for physical distancing and will be reserved for students. Furniture should not be moved from current locations.
- The Library café will be open with limited seating and take-out meal options.

## LIVING ON CAMPUS

As resident students are welcomed back to campus housing for the fall semester, the following housing information and guidelines will supplement existing policies, procedures, and standards outlined in the Student Handbook. Additional information, changes, and updates will be provided to students electronically.

### Move-in Process

- Staggered check-ins between September 5 and September 8 will be scheduled to reduce crowding.
- Students will register for a move-in time starting in August. Information will be distributed to students through Rivier email accounts.
  - There will be limits on numbers of move-ins in each building during each time period.
  - Two 18+ age helpers from the student’s household may assist with move in for a one-hour time period.
  - All those entering the halls will submit the Daily Health Self-Assessment prior to receiving keys.
  - All those entering are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering.
  - All required health and housing forms must be complete in order to move in.
  - All students must read and agree to the Raider Pledge available online at [www.rivier.edu/returntocampus](http://www.rivier.edu/returntocampus).
  - Please pack light—no outside furnishings—bring only what is necessary.
  - Follow all posted move in guidelines, directional flow, and procedures.

### Testing and Other Health-Related Processes

- Full-time undergraduate students are required to submit COVID-19 test results prior to their arrival on campus. Students must take a COVID-19 test between August 25 and September 4. Test results must be uploaded to the students’ Medcat file no later than September 4 and must indicate the test date. (*See ‘General Safety Practices: COVID-19 Testing’ for more information.*) The University asks that all students take steps to limit their exposure risk in the 10 days prior to their arrival to campus.
- Rivier is partnering with a local agency for ongoing COVID-19 population testing throughout the semester.

- It is expected that resident students conduct the Daily Health Self-Assessment prior to leaving their room each day, including weekends and holidays. The Self-Assessment will be provided electronically before arrival and information will be displayed in all halls. *(See 'General Safety Practices: Daily Health Self-Assessment' for more information.)*
- All students are asked to have masks or cloth face coverings, a thermometer, and cleaning supplies for their living space. The University will support those students who need assistance with these supplies.

### **Residence Hall Preparation**

- Student rooms are cleaned and disinfected prior to arrival.
- Room condition reports, pre-arrival deliveries, health and safety checks, and other in-room inspections will be conducted by the student using a remote platform.
- Guidance and training materials for proper cleaning and disinfecting of personal space will be displayed in the halls and provided electronically (details forthcoming).

### **Common Areas and Shared Spaces**

- Housekeeping will clean and disinfect common areas and shared areas daily; high touch areas (knobs, railings, entry/exit doors) will receive extra attention.
- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies (for before and after use of common areas such as bathrooms, laundry, lounges, etc.) will be provided in shared spaces.
- Common areas have posted notices of occupancy reduction, use of cleaning supplies, procedures on reporting problems, and instructions for reserving common areas.
- Group activities are permitted with reservation and allowed if all guidelines are followed (physical distancing and use of masks or face coverings).
- Only building residents will be allowed at in-hall activities.
- Educational materials are posted throughout the building and will be updated as guidance is issued by the CDC, State of New Hampshire, and Nashua Public Health.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed in the residence halls.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed at desks and in offices.
- Pool and ping pong tables are not available for use.

### **Housing, Health Services, and Residence Hall Offices**

- Staff Offices will be open and limited occupancy maintained.
- Virtual student-staff interactions are encouraged; face-to-face meetings will be offered by appointment only.

- Use of computer, copy machine, and supplies is limited to staff at office hours and requires cleaning before and after use.
- Health Services will have open hours by appointment only. Health Services procedures will be provided electronically to each resident.

## Resident Student Expectations

- Read and agree to the Raider Pledge available online at [www.rivier.edu/returntocampus](http://www.rivier.edu/returntocampus).
- Report symptoms of COVID-19 or a diagnosis to the Office of Student Life and Housing Services at [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu).
- Follow guidelines from the State of New Hampshire, Nashua Public Health, and updated Rivier University policies.
- Complete online training regarding COVID-19 procedures (details forthcoming) prior to move-in.
- Maintain physical distance, keeping a distance of at least six feet between one another whenever possible.
- Wear masks or cloth face coverings in public spaces including building entry areas, reception areas, common areas, classrooms, hallways, etc. Additionally, masks or cloth face coverings should be worn whenever 6 feet of physical distance is difficult to maintain for both indoor and outdoor spaces. Resident students who are alone or with their roommate in their room do not need to wear face coverings.
- Clean and disinfect your living area frequently.
- Create small social circles when dining, studying, socializing (roommates, hallmates, suitemates, etc.).
- Limit contact in common areas, following decreased density postings.
- Utilize best practices to keep you and others safe:
  - Use totes to move personal items to and from common areas to limit contact with shared surfaces in bathrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, or lounges.
  - Respect occupancy limits.
  - Utilize cleaning products before and after use in common areas including knobs, buttons, handles, etc.
  - Do not leave personal items in common spaces.
- Complete the Daily Health Self-Assessment and seek advice of your healthcare provider, Rivier Health Services, or local clinics) if you are showing any signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Return home as soon as possible if you are sick, have any COVID-19 or influenza like symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 or Flu.

## Guests and Visitors

- Guests and on- or off-campus visitors are not allowed in the residence halls once the move in process is complete and throughout the fall semester.
- Only those who live in a specific residence hall may enter that building.
- Residents from other buildings can schedule appointments with housing and health services and then follow specific instructions to enter Guild Hall.
- If roommates agree, same-building visitors are permitted in rooms (as detailed below) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 a.m. during the week and 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. on the weekends. Until further notice, no overnight stays are permitted.

**Brassard:** Students may have other Brassard residents in their suite. The occupancy of a double or triple room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people. The total occupancy of the suite should not exceed 11 people at any one time.

**Guild:** Students may have other Guild residents in their room. The occupancy of a double room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people.

**Trinity:** Students may have other Trinity residents in their room. The occupancy of a double or triple room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people.

**Presentation:** Students may have other Presentation residents in their room. The occupancy of a double room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people.

- When hosting other residents of the same building in your room, it is recommended that all students wear masks or face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- All other University policies remain in effect.

## STUDENT LIFE

### Dining Services

Sodexo Campus Services will implement a variety of health and safety precautions for the University's Dining Services:

- Sodexo will implement increased cleaning and sanitation protocols. All Sodexo employees will wear masks and gloves, and all staff will participate in required health and safety training specific to COVID-19. Sodexo employees will participate in a health screening and those with symptoms or exposed to COVID-19 will not be permitted to work.
- The designated Sodexo "Clean Team" will be present during all meal periods cleaning tables, chairs, and high-touch areas.

- Reduced seating capacity will be implemented to allow for physical distancing. The Dining Center will operate at 50% capacity with a maximum of 150 seated guests. Floor signage in all locations will promote distancing.
- All food will be pre-packaged in appropriate containers and all plastic ware will be wrapped.
- During high-traffic periods, additional meal-exchange opportunities will be available and communicated as needed.
- Take-out will be available in the Dining Center and in the Library cafe. Allergen friendly and vegan meals will be offered at take-out locations.
- Self-service stations such as the salad bar and other entrée areas will be operated by Dining Services staff.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed in key locations.
- Cashier stations will offer touchless card swipe and payment.
- Students can download the [Bite app](#) to view menus and ordering options.

### **Student Organizations and Events**

The Office of Student Engagement has developed guidance for clubs and organizations to operate while observing University protocols and public health guidelines.

- Clubs and organizations are encouraged to hold meetings and events virtually (using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Hangouts) wherever possible to minimize physical interaction and accommodate members who may not be on campus.
- Clubs and organizations are permitted to meet in-person and hold on-campus events following all established health and safety protocols. For meetings and events, students must wear a mask or face covering and observe six feet of physical distancing when possible. Organizations are encouraged to hold events in outdoor spaces and capacity limits for all locations will be enforced. Indoor events are limited to a maximum of 25 participants. Detailed guidelines for meetings and events will be communicated by the Office of Student Engagement.
- Club officers will receive training covering COVID-19 transmission, prevention, and public health guidelines.
- Currently Rivier University guidelines do not permit student groups to travel off campus. As guidelines are updated, future announcements will be made.

### **Raider Athletics**

The Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) voted to postpone athletic competition for fall 2020 due to COVID-19 safety concerns. The Athletics Department is working on plans for a fall non-traditional season for all Rivier teams with practice opportunities that will allow student-athletes to work together with their teammates, coaches and athletic training staff; including strength and conditioning, leadership, and service opportunities. According to updated NCAA rules, any fall athlete who practices but does not compete, will not lose a season or semester of NCAA eligibility.

### **Recreation and Fitness**

The Muldoon Fitness Center will open for the fall semester with the health and well-being

of students and staff as the top priority. Full health and safety protocols will be communicated before the academic year begins. Students will be required to conduct self-health checks each time they use the facilities and to advance schedule their workout times in the fitness room and the gym. Masks or cloth face coverings and physical distancing will be required. Equipment will be disinfected before and after use following CDC guidelines. All protocols will be continually evaluated to meet health and safety requirements and student needs.

### **Student Health, Counseling and Wellness**

During these uncertain times, attending to mental health and well-being remains a priority of the University. The University's Health Services and Counseling and Wellness Center will offer remote visits and in-person services using physical distancing and following health and safety protocols.

### **Student Travel**

Students are asked to limit travel, especially to areas considered by the CDC to be [high risk or hot spots](#). Students returning from high risk areas are asked to self-quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to campus.

## **FINANCIAL POLICIES**

### **Tuition**

Full-time tuition will not be reduced should the University transition to remote learning at any point or for any period of time during the academic year. The University will continue the delivery of academic courses and degrees, supporting students on their path to degree completion.

### **Room and Board**

With the transition to remote learning following the Thanksgiving break, the University campus and the residence halls will remain open. Students may return to residence halls and access student dining and campus resources for the remainder of the semester. Room and Board will not be reduced for this period of remote learning in which the residence halls remain open.

### **Financial Hardship**

We recognize that some of our students and their families may be facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. If a student's financial situation has changed as a result of COVID-19, the student is encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Services at [sfs@rivier.edu](mailto:sfs@rivier.edu) with an explanation of their situation.

## **Student Emergency Grant Fund**

The University has established a Student Emergency Grant Fund for students seeking financial assistance for certain qualified expenses up to \$500. Additional information and the application process will be communicated by the Office of Student Financial Services.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

The following is a summary of contact information related to the protocols communicated in this document. For a full listing of University offices, visit [www.rivier.edu/directory](http://www.rivier.edu/directory).

### **General questions:**

[studentlife@rivier.edu](mailto:studentlife@rivier.edu)

### **Reporting confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis and/or symptoms:**

Resident students: Office of Student Life and Housing Services at [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu)

All other students: Office of Student Affairs at [studentaffairs@rivier.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@rivier.edu)

### **Requesting clearance to return to campus after isolation:**

Resident students: Office of Student Life and Housing Services at [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu)

All other students: Office of Student Affairs at [studentaffairs@rivier.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@rivier.edu)

### **Request for temporary alternate class arrangements:**

Return completed form by e-mail to [returntocampus@rivier.edu](mailto:returntocampus@rivier.edu) by August 10, 2020

### **Unable to wear a face covering due to health or other reasons:**

Office of Disability Services at [disabilityservices@rivier.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@rivier.edu)

### **Financial hardship**

Student Financial Services at [sfs@rivier.edu](mailto:sfs@rivier.edu)



# RAIDER PLEDGE

Central to our mission is the belief that participating in the life of Rivier University is to strive for academic excellence, to take responsibility for ourselves and for others, and to engage in dialogue about basic human issues facing society. COVID-19 has presented challenges to our living and learning environment that we can overcome if we work together as a community. We invite every member of the Rivier community to join together to make this Raider pledge.

**As a member of the Rivier community, I commit to protect myself, protect others, and protect our campus community by pledging to:**

- Complete the Daily Health Self-Assessment to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and to seek medical attention if necessary
- Stay home or return home after exposure to someone who is ill or who has tested positive for COVID-19 and seek immediate medical attention
- Wash my hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol using friction for 20 seconds
- Maintain physical distancing, keeping a distance of at least six feet between myself and others whenever possible
- Wear mask or cloth face covering in public spaces and whenever 6 feet of physical distance is difficult to maintain
- Regularly disinfect my work/living area
- Greet others without physical contact
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions
- Journal daily activity at the end of each day in the event that contact tracing is necessary
- Extend care and support to others in need

To protect my own health and safety and that of all members of the Rivier community, I agree to adhere to this pledge both on and off campus.

