COVID-19 Response & Safe Return to Campus

Fairfax Campus and Community Advisory Board
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Planning for a Safe Return to Campus
- Governance
- Repopulation of Campus
- Public Health & Safety Precautions

Operationalizing Planning Efforts
- Requirements to Open
- Campus Preparations
- Communications

Outbreak Mitigation and Management
- Box-it-In Strategy
- Testing Strategy
- Isolation & Quarantine
- Case Management
- Public Health Response Interventions

Next Steps

Visitor Protocols

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Planning for a Safe Return to Campus: Governance

Executive Council

Emergency Management Executive Committee

COVID-Specific Working Groups
- Building & Academic Space Modifications
- Communications
- Department Plans Review
- Financial Impact Assessment Team
- Instructional Continuity
- COVID Policy Assessment & Development
- Planning for High Risk Populations
- Research Continuity
- Research Review Committee
- Space Assessment & Optimization
- Testing Plan & Implementation
- Case Investigation Plan & Implementation
- Events Exception Committee
- Procurement of Critical Supplies
- Screening Plan & Implementation
- Training Development & Implementation
- University Travel Advisory Committee
- Co-Curricular/Engagement Space Optimization

Mason Continuity Coordination Team

Emergency Operations Group
- Business Services
- Communications & Marketing
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Facilities Administration
- Fiscal Services
- Housing & Residence Life
- Information Technology
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Parking & Transportation
- Regional Campuses
- Office of Research
- Risk Management
- University Events
- Event Services
- Student Health Services
- University Life
- Human Resources
- Provost’s Office
- University Police

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Planning for a Safe Return to Campus: Repopulation of Campus

Stage 1
Current
Protect
• Essential Personnel Only

Stage 2
June 11-30
Plan
• Faculty & staff needed to assess and plan

Stage 3
July 1-31
Prepare
• Faculty & staff needed to modify work areas and prepare for return of employees

Stage 4
Aug 1-23
Return
• Student and employee support return

Stage 5
Aug 24-Dec 19
Resume
• Instruction and operations resume under new normal conditions

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STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Take the Mason COVID Health ™ daily
- Stay home and get tested if you feel sick
- Wear a face covering
- Practice physical distancing
- Practice good hand hygiene
Operationalizing Planning Efforts: *Campus Preparations*

**Classrooms**
- De-densification
- Signage
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cleaning Supplies
- Enhanced Cleaning Routines
- Technology
  - Microphones
  - Web cams
- Procedures
  - Mason COVID Health Check email check
  - Entry/Exit (first in last out)

**Dining and Retail**
- De-densification
  - Reservations
  - 4 Person max
  - Grab and Go
- Signage
- Hand Sanitizer
- Enhanced Cleaning Routines

**Residence Halls**
- De-densification
- Signage
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cleaning Supplies
- Enhanced Cleaning Routines
- Closed Common Areas/Kitchens
- Plastic Barriers at 24/7 Service Desks

**Student Support Areas and Office Areas**
- De-densification
- Signage
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cleaning Supplies
- Enhanced Cleaning Routines
- Plastic Barriers at Service Desks

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Operationalizing Planning Efforts: *Communications*

University-wide Messaging
- Emails from President Washington
- Provost’s Newsletter
- Social Media

Videos – Do Your Part Campaign
- Safe Return to Campus
- Mason COVID Health Check
- Six Feet for the Win
- Random COVID Testing

Dedicated SRTC Website
Outbreak Mitigation & Management: *Box-it-In Strategy*

1. **Test** Widely
2. **Isolate** All infected people
3. **Find** Everyone who has been in contact with infected people
4. **Quarantine** All contacts self-isolate for 14 days

- Pre-Move-In Testing
- Diagnostic Testing
- Surveillance Testing
- Quarantine & Isolation
- Case Management / Tracking
- Mason COVID Health™
Outbreak Mitigation & Management: Surveillance Testing

Drive-through / Walk-up Testing Site

- Located in the parking garage at the Ángel Cabrera Global Center
- Drive-through testing model allows for most efficient and safe use of staffing & PPE
- Faculty-developed risk stratification approach guided by public health and clinical principles
- Use existing SHS partnerships with Fairfax County Health Department lab and LabCorp for specimen analysis of symptomatic patients and close contacts
- Hired Healthcare Professionals

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Outbreak Mitigation & Management: *Isolation & Quarantine*

- **Location:**
  - 141 Rooms at Angel Cabrera Global Center
  - Original room - if 1:1 (bed:bath)

- **Resources and Services:**
  - Contacts for patient care through Student Health Services
  - Support services coordinated through Student Support and Advocacy Center
    - Counseling and Psychological Services
      - Quarantine & Connection (Virtual Gatherings)
      - Virtual Mental Health Workshops
    - Academic support and assistance
  - Dining
    - Daily meal delivery
    - Dietary needs are accommodated
  - Housing and Residence Life
    - Laundry (bedding and clothes)
    - Trash collection daily
Outbreak Mitigation & Management: Case Management

Team Approach

• Coordination / Collaboration with Fairfax County Health Department
• Outbreak Mitigation & Management Team in consultation with Emergency Management Executive Committee

Exposure Protocols

• Quarantine / Isolation
• Testing
• Notification

Interventions

• Classrooms
• Teams / Registered Student Organizations
• Residence Halls
• Work Areas

Considerations for Interventions

• Public Health Trends- Mason, Region, Nationally
• Safety of students remaining on campus or returning home
• Evidence of widespread or non-connected cases on university campuses
• Quarantine/Isolation Capacity
• Workforce illnesses impacting ability to maintain safe operations
• Regional conditions (i.e., public schools, public transportation
• IHE Best Practices
• Operating schedule and routines

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**Next Steps**

**Continue:**
- Caring for & Managing Patients
- Mitigating & Managing Outbreaks
- Providing Instruction
- Conducting Research
- Maintaining Operation

**Capture Lessons Learned:**
- Working Groups
- Building Modifications
- Self-Screening Tool
- Testing
- Quarantine / Isolation

**Spring Planning:**
- Academic Scheduling & Modality
- Safe On Campus Life
- Testing

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Planning for a Safe Return to Campus: Visitor Protocols

Schedule Your Visit
- Be sure your host expects you to arrive in person
- Some buildings have limited access

Follow Directions on Signs and Postings
- Entrances, Elevators, Restrooms, etc.

Follow Standard Public Health Precautions
- Take the Mason COVID Health ™ daily
- Stay home and get tested if you feel sick
- Wear a face covering
- Practice physical distancing
- Practice good hand hygiene