

Dear Warrior community,

With the fall semester quickly approaching, we know you have many questions about returning to campus. In particular, our current and prospective students are wondering what this fall will be like. While this message is primarily addressed to students, I thought it would be helpful for everyone in our campus community to receive it.

Our nine restart subcommittees have worked diligently over the last few months to develop a plan that allows us to continue serving our academic mission while prioritizing the health and safety of all Wayne State Warriors. I have received regular updates from the restart subcommittees and have been pleased with the progress. Today, I would like to share information with you on our plans thus far. While this is more information than I typically provide in an email, there is a lot to share, and you can find more details on our [website](#). We will also hold a [town hall meeting](#) tomorrow, Thursday, July 16, from 3 to 4 p.m., where you can hear directly from members of the restart committee and me, as well as submit your questions and comments.

Campus life and learning will look different than they did in February, and we have new guidelines and procedures in place, detailed at the conclusion of this message, to accommodate physical distancing and prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. Although things have changed, we remain firmly committed to our academic mission. You will still receive a premier education from Wayne State University — whether that instruction occurs on campus, remotely or through a combination of the two — and we will continue to provide ways for you to maintain vital social connections with fellow students even when you are physically distant.

Please note that the plan below reflects decisions made based on the most current public health and science information available at this time. However, the situation with COVID-19 spread in Michigan is changing rapidly and, unfortunately, trending in the wrong direction. While we selected today, July 15, as our announcement day to allow time for faculty and students to plan accordingly prior to the start of classes in August, it is important to note that some plans and guidelines may change as conditions evolve and new information becomes available. We will continue to monitor the health of our community and surrounding areas over the coming weeks, and we will be flexible and evidence-based in our decision-making as to the size and number of classes that will be delivered in person. Please continue to monitor your email inbox and our [website](#) for the latest information, and be sure to familiarize yourself with all essential guidelines before returning to campus to ensure your safety and that of others in the campus community. Remember: being Warrior Safe is Warrior Strong.

This information will be posted [online](#) and updated as necessary. A list of health and safety guidelines is also available on [our website](#).

Academics

Wayne State University has remained committed to its academic mission throughout the pandemic, and we will maintain that commitment as students, faculty and staff begin the fall semester. To protect the health and safety of the campus community, and to ensure that students continue to receive a world-class academic experience, classes for the fall 2020 semester will be offered in a number of formats:

- **Traditional:** Course instruction will take place on campus.
- **Remote (Synchronous):** Students must log in online at a specific time along with their professor and classmates.
- **Online (Asynchronous):** All instruction is online only, with no specific meeting dates or times.
- **Hybrid:** Students are occasionally expected to be on campus for face-to-face instruction, but they will also complete work online through distance education.
- **Individually Arranged:** These include dissertations, theses, individual research credits, and special projects.

As of now, we anticipate the proportion of each type of course instruction to be as follows: traditional (20%), remote and online (46%), hybrid (2%), and individually arranged (32%). This ratio will depend on the pandemic situation, and we are prepared to adjust if necessary.

Tuition: On June 5, the Wayne State University Board of Governors unanimously approved a 0% tuition increase to allow our students to focus on their studies without added financial stress. The university will also continue to develop new and innovative ways to make an education affordable for everyone. Updates are available on the [Financial Aid website](#).

Registration: When registering for classes, take note of whether your classes are offered via traditional, remote, online or hybrid formats so you can plan for when to be on campus and when you will be learning remotely. Your specific school or college may have further guidelines and procedures to follow, so be sure to check their website and your email inbox for further updates. For more information on these options, visit the [Registrar's website](#). To register for classes, visit the [Registration website](#).

Libraries: University libraries and computer labs will implement new processes for cleaning of spaces and equipment, as well as new guidelines to facilitate social distancing.

The David Adamany Undergraduate Library will be open during regular hours in a limited capacity to support those who need access to technology and study spaces. The Shiffman Medical Library and the Arthur Neef Law Library will be available to accommodate Wayne State students and faculty. Purdy/Kresge Library will remain closed, and the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs will be available by appointment only. Accommodations are being developed at all libraries to create access to materials. Libraries will be open to Wayne State students, faculty and staff only;

your OneCard will be required to enter. The libraries will continue to provide online access to collections and services, including reference and instruction.

More information on the hours and operations of the libraries will be available before the start of classes at the [libraries website](#).

Housing

Campus housing has continued to operate during the pandemic and will be open for the fall semester. We have recommended best practices to provide you with a safe on-campus housing experience. In addition to following all [health and safety guidelines](#), please follow these procedures to help ensure your safety and the safety of the Wayne State community.

- **Moving in:** To accommodate social distancing, fall 2020 housing move-in has been extended over a weeklong period in August before classes begin. Visit the [Housing website](#) and check your email for information on move-in dates and times.
- **Get tested:** All residents will be tested for coronavirus infection as part of the move-in process and will be periodically retested over the academic year. Information regarding testing will be provided closer to move-in day.
- **Stay safe:** Face coverings are required in public spaces as well as six-foot physical distancing between residents wherever possible. Face coverings are not required in residents' private rooms, but six-foot physical distancing between residents is expected wherever possible. Guest visitation will continue to be suspended for the fall semester to limit non-resident traffic in housing facilities.

Dining and retail

Campus dining and retail options will be open. Entrées, side dishes and desserts will be provided at all stations to reduce foot traffic in our cafeterias. The number of diners present in Towers Café, Gold 'n' Greens, and the Student Center Food Court will be reduced to optimize physical distancing. New procedures to accommodate diners while protecting safety are posted below and are also available on the [Housing and Residential Life website](#).

- **Face coverings:** Face coverings may be removed once seated at a table for dining, and are required when leaving the dining table.
- **Get it to go:** To-go meals will be available during all meal periods. An additional residential dining to-go location will be opened in the Student Center Building for residents who choose not to visit a cafeteria.
- **Go cashless:** Contactless transactions for meal plan swipes and OneCard use for purchases will be maximized.

Athletics

Wayne State Athletics is working with the NCAA on plans for the resumption of competitive sports. While the dates are yet to be finalized, student athletes, in addition to following the required campus

[health and safety guidelines](#), will undergo temperature checks prior to entering buildings, and all student athletes will be tested for COVID-19. Athletics has enacted several policies regarding safe usage of its facilities and equipment, including temperature checks for everyone entering its facilities. Detailed information on protocols and guidelines for equipment and facilities is available in the [Athletics Restart Protocol Handbook](#).

Note: The Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center will remain closed until Governor Whitmer allows fitness facilities to reopen. Guidelines for safe use have been developed and will be available upon reopening.

Campus life

Student activities, student organizations, social events and campus-wide celebrations are an integral part of student life. While we may be physically distant, we have developed many opportunities for you to remain socially connected. These events will look different than they have in the past, but you can look forward to celebrating your Warrior pride with many Wayne State traditions like Orientation Part 2, Homecoming and Campus Activities Team Week, as well as new opportunities for online programs such as esports, trivia, crafts, tours and comedy.

The Fall Student Engagement Committee has been working through the spring and summer to present activities and opportunities to get you involved. Whether it is viewing a Department of Theatre production online, attending live supplemental instruction sessions online with the Academic Success Center or cheering on our Warriors through the Department of Athletics' virtual fan experience, you will have plenty of opportunities to get involved.

The [Dean of Students Office website](#) features an up-to-date student activities calendar, Warrior Life health-and-wellness resources, and student organization membership information. Be sure to read the weekly Get Involved newsletter, emailed every Sunday to your Wayne State inbox.

Making your return

We all have a role to play in the health and safety of our campus community. Following are some general guidelines that will help you protect yourself and your fellow Warriors. **Remember:** All students must abide by the [Student Code of Conduct](#), which has been updated to include a section on COVID-19 mitigation compliance.

Before coming to campus

A safe return begins before you come to Midtown. Follow these guidelines before heading out the door to ensure that you know where to go and how to navigate this new campus experience.

- **Review your classes:** Know which classes you are taking remotely and which classes are on campus. Check your syllabi for important safety guidelines from your instructors.

- **Complete the training modules:** The online [Warrior Safe training](#) provides an overview of COVID-19 and a guide to staying safe on campus.
- **Fill out the Campus Daily Screener:** Beginning two days (48 hours) before your return, fill out the [Campus Daily Screener](#) — available on the Wayne State website and on the Wayne State mobile app — each day before coming to campus. This includes all course-related experiences, such as clinical or field experiences that might be conducted in another site.
 - **If you are cleared to be on campus,** you will receive a QR code that you may be asked to produce.
 - **If you are not cleared to be on campus,** you will be contacted by the Campus Health Center for further screening. You may then be cleared, or you may be referred for testing.
- **If you have symptoms or have been exposed, stay home:** If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (new cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, chills, loss of taste or smell) or have been exposed to someone confirmed to have the virus, you **must** stay home. The Campus Health Center will arrange testing for those who experience symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Know before you go:** Before you leave, visit the [Parking website](#) to know which lots and structures are open and the status of campus shuttles.

Staying safe on campus

We have enacted new cleaning and safety measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have also created new guidelines to help you play a role in contributing to the health and safety of our campus community.

- **Face coverings:** Until a vaccine is available, the most effective way to protect yourself and others is to be 100% consistent in wearing a face covering at all times in public spaces. Students will receive a Warrior swag bag that includes a Wayne State face covering, a great way to show your Warrior pride while keeping safe, or you may bring your own. Information on proper use of face coverings is available at the [CDC's website](#).
- **Social distance:** Please follow guidelines posted in hallways, elevators, parking structures, restrooms, and at entryways and exits to maintain social distance. Leave six feet of physical distance between yourself and others wherever possible.
- **Hand-washing:** Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds several times throughout the day. Hand-sanitizer dispensers have also been installed in every building.
- **Bring your OneCard:** Please bring your OneCard with you when you come to campus to assist with verification and building access as needed. If you need a replacement or new card, visit the [OneCard website](#).
- **Classroom safety:** Seating in classrooms has been arranged to facilitate social distancing; please do not re-arrange the furniture. Comply with all posted guidelines in campus buildings, classrooms, laboratories and common areas.

- **Use of shareable items:** Please refrain from sharing textbooks, papers, pens, study materials, or unpackaged food or beverages with fellow students.

I know this is a lot, but hopefully it demonstrates the concern we have for your safety, and our excitement to start the fall semester. The pandemic has changed our world, at least for now, but it hasn't changed our spirit. We remain Warrior Strong, and can't wait to welcome you to campus — physically *or* virtually — for the fall 2020 semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Roy Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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President