

## **On-Campus Experience for Fall of 2020:**

Grace Christian University is committed to providing students with a safe campus and community in which to learn and grow. We are moving forward with in-person instruction. Protective measures are in place for students, staff, and faculty. It is the responsibility of each one of us to keep ourselves, our peers, and those we love safe by following safety guidelines. As changes occur to the response of COVID-19, we will continue to develop our plan and share information with you as we get closer to the start of the semester. Thank you for your patience, grace, and flexibility as change happens daily and weekly in response to this virus.

The guidelines presented below are intended to help slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect our campus community. In general, students can help support community health and safety by maintaining social distancing, washing their hands, and wearing face coverings.

### **Safety Before Classes Begin**

We request that all students (resident and commuter) limit social contact as much as possible prior to the start of classes. For those who are able, we ask you to self-quarantine. We understand this will not be possible for some students, so we request that you limit social contact as much as possible prior to coming to campus.

### **Safety when Arriving On-Campus**

Whether students arrive on campus on August 11th or August 27th, we will have protective measures in place to ensure a smooth, safe check-in process. Students and up to two other permitted family members will check in first at a health tent where they will receive a simple health screening, including a temperature check and a few questions. Grace face masks will be provided. Our check-in procedures have been modified to ensure physical distancing and a simple workflow.

### **Safety Around Campus**

Students and staff will be required to wear a protective mask while inside campus buildings. Masks will not be required outdoors if students are able to maintain social distancing guidelines of 6 feet or more.

### **Safety In the Classroom:**

When entering a classroom or learning environment, students will have access to disinfectant wipes to ensure a clean area. Rooms will be arranged to allow for social distancing. And, students will be required to wear a protective mask. Faculty will be teaching behind plexiglass in the classrooms.

### **Safety for On-Campus Housing**

Various housing units have been designated as short- and long-term quarantine locations for students showing symptoms or who have tested positive. A complete quarantine plan will be shared at a later date. Students will not be required to wear a mask in apartments, personal

dorm rooms, or shared houses. Masks will, however, be required in shared common areas of campus housing.

### **Safety when Dining**

Our dining services must follow all existing State of Michigan executive orders & health department recommendations. This is similar to what students and staff have experienced at restaurants across the state of Michigan. The following list provides some of the practices we will observe to start the semester as state guidelines allow at this time:

- Health Screening of staff. Staff will be wearing face masks at all times.
- No self-service stations (these will open as executive orders / health department allow).
- Customers wear face coverings while being served / removed only when eating.
- Seating reduced to 50% of capacity and tables moved to 6 feet apart.
- Floors marked to show proper social distancing.
- Presence of hand sanitizer at all entry points into the dining room.
- Sneeze guard at the checker stand.
- Tables and chairs disinfected between uses.
- Increased disinfection of the kitchen.
- No condiments (including coffee condiments) out for customer use. Must be obtained through staff in single-serve portions.
- Signage posted to convey standards.

### **Safety for Chapel**

The chapel schedule is being finalized within the next week or two but Grace has not yet landed on a decision regarding how we will proceed with chapels. Staff, faculty, and students would agree that chapel times are important to our community and the fabric of our identity as an institution. We will make every effort to conduct chapels in a way that honors the safety of students, staff, and faculty but also connects us in transformational ways. Chapels may take place in Baker Chapel, be streamed online, take place outdoors, etc.

### **Safety During Campus Events**

Grace will make every effort to keep our students safe as our community continues to grow and develop with one another. As we shift our efforts to create a combination of safety and connection, look for smaller, more intimate events as well as utilizing spaces around campus in safe ways. There is nothing better than the fall outdoors in Michigan! We will look to enhance our outdoor presence.

### **Safety for Living and Working Off-campus**

We understand that many of our students are commuters and even a greater population of residents and commuters have jobs within our community. Properly wearing masks, social

distancing when possible, and following good execution of washing hands will assist in creating a safe space for all of our students while at home, within the West Michigan community or on campus.

### **Testing**

There are many options for getting tested for COVID-19. While Grace will not have on-campus testing, there will be a list of local testing sites shared with students and families on kick-off day. These testing sites are located within a mile or so of the campus.

If you test positive:

Grace will have a procedure in place for walking with students if there is a need for quarantine. There will be a plan for housing, chapels, classroom learning, and dining needs if a student needs to be quarantined. Students may also quarantine off-campus if they are residents of campus housing but have an option off-site.

If you show symptoms:

A temperature screening will be available for all students in the JAC, business office, and the student affairs office. For students living on-campus, a temperature screening will be available outside of normal business hours from the Community Life Interns.

If you have been exposed to someone with the virus:

Students are asked to self-quarantine in their housing unit until they can get a test or have been clear of symptoms for (14) days.

### **Conclusion**

As we live and learn in community in the coming year, we are depending on help from each student and staff member to ensure a great year for everyone involved. We are all owners of this institution, and it's on each one of us to do our part to ensure that we enjoy the educational community that we have all come to love.