

December 22, 2020 - Countdown to Spring: Move In Testing

Dear Stevenson Students and Families,

We hope you are enjoying your holiday break and getting some much-deserved relaxation! This is our second Countdown to Spring communication, and we want to share a short checklist of information to help you get ready for your return to campus in January.

Spring Move-In Pre-Testing

The Office of Residence Life shared details of the Spring Move-In Pre-Testing Plan on December 21 via an email to all resident students and their families. All resident students will be required to submit negative COVID test results (test must be a RT-PCR test) prior to returning to campus for the upcoming semester. The plan is posted on our [Countdown to Spring web page](#) and further details will be shared in our upcoming January 4th Countdown to Spring message.

Hybrid Face-to-Face Classes in Spring – Still Time to Register

Approximately 60% of course sections will be offered in face-to-face format during the Spring semester. Whether you are a resident or commuter student, you can elect to attend these classes on campus, face-to-face, or virtually online. Classrooms and labs have been arranged to optimize your safety, and the campus requirements for masking and physical distancing are still in effect.

If you have not already indicated whether you plan to attend your classes in person or remotely for the Spring, you must let us know by filling out this [form](#).

There is still time to register for Spring 2021 classes. The last day to register is February 2, 2021. The complete schedule of Spring classes is posted [here](#), and you can use the [Student Planner](#) to register.

Spring Housing Available

The university still has a limited amount of campus housing available for the Spring semester.

Currently non-residential students interested in living on campus in Spring 2021 may request housing by completing this form: [Request Housing for Spring](#). Once completed, the Office of Residence Life will follow up and work to identify residential space on campus for you.

Holiday & Travel Safety

Our nation is still in a time of increased transmission and cases of COVID-19. The CDC has posted some [important tips for staying safe and healthy](#) over the winter holidays, including:

- Always wear a mask in public settings and when around people you do not live with
- Practice physical distancing and stay at least 6-feet apart from anyone who does not live with you
- Avoid large gatherings and small, crowded spaces where you cannot properly physically distance from others

- Get a flu shot over the holidays if you have not already done so
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer, and avoid touching your mask, eyes, nose, and mouth

As you consider attending holiday gatherings, remember that (1) you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact (less than 6-feet of distance) with people outside of your immediate household; (2) people without symptoms or with a recent negative test result can still spread COVID-19 to others; and (3) large gatherings have been determined to generally pose the greatest risk. If you decide to attend holiday gatherings, please remember to do so safely, wear your mask, and physically distance.

Lastly, check state and local travel and quarantine advisories before you travel out of state. Maryland's latest travel advisory requires Marylanders to limit all travel to essential purposes only. All Marylanders who travel outside of Maryland or any individuals who travel to Maryland must either obtain a negative COVID-19 test result or self-quarantine for 10 days. This applies to all states, with the exception of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC. More information can be found [here](#).

Stay safe, stay well, and we look forward to seeing you in January!