

Meredith faculty, staff, and students,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work out details related to a fall semester unlike no other in Meredith's history. This edition of our Fall 2020 update series contains information about health measures, academics, on-campus living, and Commencement 2020.

Health Measures

Our primary focus is always on keeping our students and employees safe. With this goal in mind, we have made some updates to clarify the [face coverings](#) requirement that went into effect last month. We are finalizing plans for implementing an online system that will allow students, employees, and visitors to self-monitor daily their health for Covid-19 symptoms.

Academics

We are pleased to be able to provide some additional details related to the academic calendar for the fall semester. As previously announced, the fall semester will start on August 17. The last day of classes will be on Tuesday Nov. 24.

Online final exams will be held from Tuesday Dec. 1 through Tuesday Dec. 8. Some faculty members may choose to hold in person final exams during the last week of classes during the regular class period with a project due during final exam week.

The full academic calendar for the fall semester will be available soon on the Registrar's office website.

Information on [classroom safety measures](#) is available in the Fall 2020 update released on June 15.

On-Campus Living

Meredith expects to welcome students to live on campus this Fall in residence halls as well as in the Oaks apartments. Earlier this week, all new and returning students should have received a [survey from the Residence Life Office](#) allowing them to update their living preferences for the fall semester.

In order to allow maximum flexibility for students and their families this fall, the College is relaxing its on-campus living requirement for the 2020-21 academic year, giving all students (including freshmen and sophomores) the option to live off-campus. Single rooms will also be available as space allows without an additional charge.

If you are a new or returning student and you did not receive the survey, please contact the Residence Life office at reslife@meredith.edu to make sure you are on the distribution list for future messages.

Commencement 2020

We know many of you are anxious for an update on the plans for rescheduling Commencement 2020. We want to assure you that it is still our intent to hold a ceremony of some type to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020. With limits on gatherings in N.C. still in effect and the availability of venues uncertain, we

have not been able to make as much progress as we had hoped on rescheduling an in-person event.

A new working group has been appointed to investigate and recommend alternatives for Commencement Weekend 2020. We will give you an update during the week of August 1 on the commencement planning process.

The plans outlined here are based on the latest information. Please continue to check your Meredith email and the Meredith website for updates.

Stay Strong,

Jo Allen, '80 and the Executive Leadership Team

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