

June 22, 2020

To the Meredith Community,

We have promised to provide regular updates on our planning process for the 2020-21 academic year. In keeping with that promise, we are writing to share several more of the key decisions we have made for the fall semester as well as to provide information on a few of the campus safety protocols we have adopted for this year.

Academic Updates

In our [June 15](#) update, we let you know about a few changes to the academic calendar and plans to offer a well-thought out mix of instructional options. Although students will have the ability to take a full schedule of classes remotely if they wish to do so, it is important to note that some classes may not be available remotely. Information regarding the method of instruction for individual courses will be made available in July.

More details about the academic calendar, the Fall exam schedule and grading policies will be available in the coming weeks.

On-campus Living

In our first Fall 2020 update to you in April, we announced our intentions to resume residential living. It is still our plan for 2020-21 to house students on campus in the residence halls and The Oaks apartments. Now that some decisions have been made about the 2020-21 academic calendar, Residence Life staff is working to solidify move-in dates and details. We anticipate that the move-in process will occur over several days with assigned time slots for individuals to help reduce the potential for crowded hallways, stairwells and elevators. Any changes in residential living options will be announced by early July.

Campus Safety Protocols

Several new steps have been taken to enhance the health and safety of Meredith students, faculty, staff and the community during Covid-19. Face coverings are now required to be worn on the Meredith campus. Additional information about this requirement and how to properly wear and care for your face covering are available via the links below:

[Employee Message on Face Coverings](#)

[Student Message on Face Coverings](#)

[Meredith Community Standards Information on Face Coverings](#)

Facilities Services has ordered plexiglass shields, and once the order arrives, these shields will be installed in customer service locations on campus where possible. The facilities team is also making adjustments to ensure the proper operation of ventilation of campus air systems. Facilities Services is following CDC recommendations in adjusting campus ventilation systems to ensure best possible operation.

We recognize that much of the information in our last two updates provides a high level overview. More details will be forthcoming over the next several weeks. Please continue to check your email and visit www.meredith.edu/coronavirus for the latest.

Stay Strong,

President Allen, '80 and the Executive Leadership Team

