

Meredith community,

With the start of Fall semester classes just a few days away, here are a few important reminders about life on campus this year.

Campus Clear App Now Available for Students

As previously announced, Meredith College will be using the [Campus Clear app](#) to facilitate daily self-monitoring for Covid-19 symptoms. This free app, which provides a short, intuitive survey that takes less than 10 seconds to complete on a daily basis, is now available for students, in addition to faculty and staff. A new web interface is also available for those without a compatible smartphone. Details about both options were shared in a [campus-wide email on August 12](#).

Return to Campus Guide

Earlier this week, we shared [The Staying Strong Returning to Campus guide](#) with you. If you have not already done so, take a moment to download and review the guide. It includes important information about what each community member can do to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, protocols that will be followed by the College, and a list of Meredith resources.

Face Coverings

As a reminder, all students and employees are required to wear face coverings on campus. This includes while in classrooms, common areas, going to and from the dining hall, and wherever social distancing is not possible. [New research](#) conducted at Duke University has demonstrated that gaiter or bandana style face coverings are the least effective, so please do not consider this style an appropriate option. As detailed on pg 22 of the Staying Strong guide, cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Covid-19 Case Alert Protocols

To help keep our community informed about Covid-19 cases, notifications are being posted on the [Covid-19 notifications webpage](#). Cases are reported on the web page when 1) a public health agency has confirmed via a COVID-19 test that a member of the community has the virus and 2) the individual was on campus within the CDC's definition of the incubation period. Through Meredith's [contact tracing process](#), members of the community who may have been near someone whose condition fits this criteria will be notified. Under HIPAA and FERPA regulations, we are not able to provide details about individuals or their cases.

Thank you for your continued attention to these briefings. Visit www.meredith.edu/staying-strong for the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,
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