

Dear Meredith Community,

We are approximately four weeks away from the first day of class for the Fall semester. Your health, safety, and well being are important to us at Meredith. Today's update includes critical health and safety information related to residential student move-in, staying informed about Covid-19 cases on campus, and road construction around campus.

### **Academics**

Faculty continue preparing to safely teach face-to-face, online and hybrid courses. The college has invested in technology to help ensure students receive a well-designed, engaging experience regardless of course format. To read more about these preparations, visit <https://www.meredith.edu/news/meredith-prepares-to-launch-hybrid-classroom-model-for-fall-2020>

### **Move-In**

The move-in process will be different this year because of safety precautions related to Covid-19. First year students will move-in over several days (8/11-8/13), instead of one day. To ensure physical distancing is possible during move-in, each incoming resident will be assigned a move-in time listed with her room assignment information. Contact [reslife@meredith.edu](mailto:reslife@meredith.edu) with any questions regarding move-in times or housing assignments.

### **Covid-19 Case Notifications**

Although everyone in our community is taking safety precautions, Covid-19 cases on campus are inevitable. Meredith is relying on the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, known commonly as the Clery Act, to guide communications decisions regarding confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Per the Clery Act, campus notifications are being posted on the [Covid-19 notifications webpage](#) 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.

Meredith College will conduct contact tracing to notify members of the community who may have been near someone whose condition fits this criteria. Under HIPAA and FERPA regulations, we are not able to provide details about individuals or their cases.

### **Athletics**

We understand that student athletes, their families and fans are eager for more information about the status of Fall sports. Meredith is in conversation with the USA South Athletic Conference about the resumption of Fall sports. Thank you for your patience as we await additional guidance from our conference.

### **I-440 Construction**

Road construction continues on the major highways near Meredith. As you travel to and from campus, you will see a lot of construction activity in all four quadrants of the Wade Avenue and I-440 intersection. It is important to pay close attention in these areas and follow traffic patterns. Be aware that traffic patterns will be changing periodically, but at this time there are no scheduled lane closures during the day. Lane closures may happen at night. As we are notified, we will keep you informed of any changes to construction areas that may change your route to and from campus.

Thank you for your attention to the information in this week's Fall 2020 briefing. We will continue monitoring this evolving situation, adapting plans as circumstances change, and providing regular updates prior to the start of classes.

Stay Strong,

Jo Allen, '80 and the Executive Leadership Team