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Dear Gonzaga Graduate and Law Students,

Greetings – and I hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming both our new and returning graduate and law students back for spring semester.

The COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the emergence of the omicron and delta variants, continues to ravage our world, abroad and here at home. While we had all hoped to have the pandemic in the rearview mirror at this time, increasing case numbers show that this is not at all the case. In fact, on January 4th it was reported that more than 100,000 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 in the United States – the first time in nearly four months. The pandemic is not going away anytime soon, and it is our intention, and our commitment, to continue to provide you all with the Gonzaga education and experience you all deserve, while maintaining a commitment to your health and welfare seriously.

As of the date of this publication, we are intending to return to full, in-person instruction for spring semester with the same facilities open and accessible as in the fall. But as we know COVID is unpredictable, and we may have to shift our path should case numbers dictate a change or recommendations from our regional health partners are adjusted. Please know that we will keep you apprised of any potential changes as soon as we can.

This past fall, we made the decision to return to in-person operations in the face of COVID-19. Because of our campus community’s diligent commitment to practicing preventative behaviors we were able to finish the fall semester strong. Our hope for this spring is that we can, yet again, work together in community to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible.

In the fall, we shared a Graduate & Law Student Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide, sharing information for our students and families ahead of the start of the academic year. This Spring Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide revises and/or expands on the information that was shared in August and provides further direction so you can be as prepared as possible ahead of the start of spring semester. As new information and directions from our public health partners arise, this Guide will be updated/revised online. In addition, the information available on our Zag On website will continue to be updated with new processes and information shared by our local, statewide and national health care partners to ensure you have the information you need.

The pandemic continues to show us the power that commitment, dedication, encouragement, and tenacity have in our success as a community. Our plans for this spring are very similar to our fall protocols with two notable exceptions (click here to learn more about these requirements):

1) Boosters are required for all eligible students, faculty and staff
2) A negative test is required 48 hours prior to your return to campus
As other institutions struggle with community participation and protocols, we are so proud to have students like you that work each day to mitigate your own and others’ risk of contracting COVID-19. I ask that you continue to support each other so that we can finish this year strong.

Here’s to another great semester where we will once again Zag On.

Sincerely yours,

Thayne M. McCulloh, D.Phil.
President

NOTICE: For our NEW STUDENTS, this document is not a contract but rather a Guide for what to expect when you return to Gonzaga. It’s important to understand this guidance is subject to change and modification as circumstances warrant and public health authorities may issue new directives, advice and requirements.

The University reserves the right to modify this guidance as it deems necessary and appropriate.
CONTEXT & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Last Fall, we developed a Fall Student Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide, a comprehensive document with all of the details our students and families needed to know given this COVID-19 environment.

For our returning students, especially those who lived on campus this fall, much of the information shared in this Spring Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide will feel very familiar.

But for our new students, the following information has been written for you, to let you know how much you are supported and to exhibit how much preparation has gone on to welcome you to campus in the safest ways possible.

Throughout this Guide, you will see designations that look like this:

NEW STUDENTS

This content has been developed specifically for you, our new students arriving on campus for the first time this January. We want to ensure that you all have the information you need before arriving in Spokane.

Guiding Principles

We all must follow the public health practices and guidance shared in this Guide. These practices will be updated over the course of the spring as additional information becomes available.

Our protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be rooted in our mission and values and guided by science and ongoing information shared by the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD). The safety of our students, faculty, staff, and the public we interact with continues to be of paramount concern. Please note, any reference to “unvaccinated students” assumes that those students have an approved exemption.

The last year has shown us, perhaps more than any before, how we are constantly called to show our collective commitment to the dignity of the human person, social justice, diversity, and care for the planet as we demonstrate responsible stewardship of our physical, financial and human resources.

There are numerous reasons some individuals have chosen not to be vaccinated. We are concerned, as the cases of COVID-19 continue to mount, especially with the omicron variant, that rates of COVID-19 infections and deaths in the unvaccinated population far exceeds current rates for those vaccinated. This is why we are advocating for the value and benefit of vaccines, and we are so grateful to the 94% of our campus community that has taken the steps towards becoming vaccinated. Vaccination is a complex issue, and we will continue to address the tensions inherent in balancing our many considerations of service, productivity and safety as we animate our collective mission and encourage vaccination for public health.

The primary goals for our continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic are to continue to protect public health and carry forth our vital mission of education while using our institutional values to guide our work and decisions. Our plans remain consistent with local health orders and
ordinances of the City of Spokane and Spokane County, as well as the State of Washington. Additionally, we continue to follow recommendations from the federal government, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, SRHD, and our Pandemic Response Task Force.

**Before You Come to Campus**
1) Reduce close contacts with people outside your living environment.
2) If you have possible symptoms consistent with those associated with COVID-19 prior to your travels back to Spokane, you should not return to GU until you have received a negative COVID-19 test.
3) Get tested for COVID-19 within 48 hours of your intended return to Gonzaga. At-home tests work, and we will not be requiring that you submit your results. If you have questions about testing, please call the COVID-19 Hotline number (509) 313-7070, ext. 1. You may also contact Health & Counseling Services at (509) 313-4066.

**Things to Keep in Mind this Spring**
The current number of positive cases, especially of the omicron variant, in Spokane is rising. Therefore, we ask that you follow this guidance upon your return to campus this January:

1. Each day pay attention to any possible symptoms and take your temperature as needed.
2. Stay at home when ill with or exposed to COVID-19.
3. Continue to wear masks that cover the nose and mouth, whenever possible.
4. Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
5. Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces every day.
6. Continue to avoid social gatherings, parties, or other situations that involve close contact with people you do not currently live with.
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY: EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STUDENTS

To safely return this spring, a condition of resuming operations is that you have read, and agree to follow, the steps outlined in this Guide. Our ability to continue our work is dependent upon doing everything we can to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keeping everyone as healthy as possible. You, and we all, must take this seriously – the health of every individual, and our institutional viability, depend upon it. As these circumstances continue to evolve over the next months, we will require your patience, flexibility, and creativity.

Per the Governor’s Proclamation on Higher education, provided that we are in compliance with state requirements, Gonzaga University has been authorized to resume in-person instruction, housing and campus activities for the remainder of this 2021-2022 academic year. A condition of resuming in-person operations is that you have read, and agree to follow, the steps outlined in this Guide.

All NEW STUDENTS must read this Guide, and review and acknowledge the COVID-19 Notice & Acknowledgement of Student Risk document.

Maintaining Our Commitment to a Bias-Free Environment

At Gonzaga, we respect and celebrate the inherent dignity of all individuals and expect professional conduct in activities and programs and in the relationships we share. Taking care of each other is an important value for our student community. Cura Personalis, or care for the whole person, and Cura Apostolica, or care for the work or institution, go hand-in-hand and are integral to our mission. We are committed to maintaining an educational, working, and living environment free of all forms of discrimination or harassment.

Engaging in negative treatment of others based on perceived COVID-19 symptoms, medical conditions or abilities, national origin, racial and ethnic characteristics, or any other protected status negatively impacts individuals, harms our community and will not be tolerated.

Mask-Wearing

We want to underscore the significance of wearing of masks and maintaining distance where possible. Per Washington State requirements, all people, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks in indoor spaces in all settings outside of an individual’s home. Also, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. Community members that are unvaccinated must continue to wear masks and physically distance indoors. However, those who are vaccinated may choose to wear a mask for any reason. Assumptions about vaccine status should not be made based upon whether a mask is being worn or distance observed. Please visit the Zag On FAQs site for the most up to date guidance on mask requirements.

We have all had very different experiences of this pandemic and we understand that COVID-19 has impacted various populations within our country in disproportionate ways. We are here to support you and provide you the resources necessary to allow your experience at Gonzaga to be the best it can be. The Office of Diversity, Inclusion, Community & Equity (DICE) utilizes the principles of critical dialogue, reciprocity, and solidarity to facilitate learning that cultivates
cultural engagement, enriches mindfulness, fosters a sense of belonging, and challenges systems of privilege and oppression. To connect with the DICE team and learn more about resources and support systems available during this time of uncertainty and challenge, call (509) 313-4100.

Click here for a list of additional resources available for you.

**Accountability to One Another**

The health, safety, and welfare of every member of our community is paramount. Having said that, and even with a majority of our campus community being vaccinated, we cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. This is simply not feasible. Taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Gonzaga is a shared responsibility. **As a member of our community, you must do your part.** This means adhering to national, state, and local health guidelines and requirements and those measures we deem safe and appropriate for our campus. This pandemic continues to evolve, and it is important to understand that there are inherent risks associated with the decision to return to campus that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid infection and that there is the possibility of contracting COVID-19 and infecting others.

We need you to be active participants in helping yourself, and all of us, to continue mitigating the transmission of COVID-19. Compliance with all public health practices is expected of all of you, as well as other members of the Gonzaga community. These expectations align with Gonzaga’s values, including our commitment to social justice and for the care, health and well-being of all members of our community.

Gonzaga’s Student Code of Conduct includes provisions for addressing student misconduct, which include such behaviors as refusal to wear a mask or distance if you are unvaccinated. We know that your sense of responsibility to our community and one another will be the guiding force that ensures accountability with COVID-19 prevention requirements.

For our **NEW STUDENTS**, reviewing the COVID-19 Notice & Acknowledgement of Student Risk on the last pages of this Guide, coupled with your understanding of the Code of Conduct, will provide the standards and processes for ensuring accountability. We ask that you commit to these practices not just for yourself, but for the safety of others, consistent with your obligations as members of the GU community. We saw it lived out this fall: Zags support and look out for each other. Our Mission binds us together and fortifies us all, even in the most challenging of times.

Now more than ever, we need each other.

We are Gonzaga.

And we will Zag On.
Welcome Home Zags:
Your Arrival/Return to Campus this Spring Semester
WELCOME HOME ZAGS: YOUR ARRIVAL ON/RETURN TO CAMPUS THIS SPRING

Last fall, we distributed a Fall Student Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide that included information our students and families needed to know ahead of the start of the fall semester. Most of the processes from the fall will continue this spring so please continue to reference that publication for additional information.

Our hope is that this Spring Guide will answer the questions you have and provide you all of the necessary information ahead of the start of the Spring 2022 semester.

Please note that our Zag On website has substantial information and FAQs that are updated as new clarity and direction is provided from our health care partners.

SPRING ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION & LEARNING

We are proud to deliver an educational experience that supports you. Given vaccine requirements, all instruction will continue to prioritize your personal educational experience and care for you as a whole student, while maintaining our highest educational and teaching standards.

Graduate Programs will follow the current academic calendar:

- Classes begin Tuesday, January 11 (Monday-only classes begin on January 10)
- Classes conclude Friday, April 29
- Final exams and/or final projects must be completed by Friday, May 6

Additional guidance will be provided for different programs over the next few weeks. Or contact your college/school/program for specific calendars. The Law School Academic Calendar is available here.

In-Person Instruction

- On-campus, in-person instruction resumed during the Fall 2021 semester. Alternative teaching modalities, like those employed during the 2020-2021 academic year, may be used by some academic areas for personnel-related reasons, with the approval of the school’s Dean and the Provost.
- As with any other semester, all in-person courses will adhere to scheduled meeting times, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor.
- With few exceptions, classes will be taught, in-person, and face-to-face. Changes to in-person instruction will follow departmental, school/college procedures and will be communicated by faculty members.
- Classrooms will once again be at full occupancy and instruction is returning to pre-COVID methodologies, including regular student/faculty interactions and student/student interactions.
- According to local, State and Federal guidelines, and due to the vaccinations of Gonzaga community members, physical distancing will not be required in classrooms, allowing us
to resume regular in-person instruction and normal in-class interactions.
- Indoor interactions in university settings (e.g., offices, labs, hallways, and including in-person instructions) will once again require the use of masks by students, faculty, staff and vendors.
- The Class Attendance Policy (and the option to assign a V grade) as stated in the University's Academic Policies and Procedures is reinstated. However, we will accommodate COVID-19 related sickness and periods of quarantine or isolation on a case-by-case basis. Absences will follow faculty policies as outlined in their course syllabi, including the availability and management of class recordings on a case-by-case basis at the instructor’s discretion.

Class Recordings
On-campus, in-person instruction in the 2021-22 academic year may be disrupted by the pandemic and students may at times be unable to attend regularly scheduled classes due to isolation/quarantine requirements or COVID-19 illness. Class recordings, if made, may be provided on a case-by-case basis to students who are unable to attend class, with the understanding that not all course material and discussions are appropriate for recording, and that recordings need not be shared with all students. Class recordings are not meant as a substitute for on-campus, in-person instruction, nor are faculty required to provide recordings when requested. Furthermore, if sensitive or personal student information is disclosed during a discussion, sharing a recording is discouraged.

Student Accommodations and Adjustments
- Students with qualifying disabilities and/or medical conditions are eligible for and may request reasonable accommodations through established procedures. Students should contact the Disability Access office to begin the process.
- Students may face economic hardships or life situations that impact their ability to fully participate in their academic program. Student health and well-being resources will be broadly promoted and students experiencing economic hardship should contact Student Financial Services at finaid@gonzaga.edu.

International Student Support
Anyone who is a non-U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident or traveling to the U.S. on an immigrant visa, must be fully vaccinated with an approved shot to travel internationally by air into the United States. You are considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving the second shot of a two-dose vaccine and two weeks after your shot of a one-dose vaccine.

Students arriving from overseas who meet the strict exemption standard for the vaccine travel mandate into the US and have not been vaccinated per WHO standards will be required to quarantine for 7 to 10 days prior to attending courses in-person and may have the flexibility and options for asynchronous participation. We recognize that participation in remote/online courses may be needed in rare cases as students secure visas or finish required quarantine. Students should communicate with their faculty regarding travel plans and course-related needs, and, if applicable, to stay current with their academic work until they arrive on campus. Contact Ashley
Davis, Director of International Student & Scholar Services (davis3@gonzaga.edu OR (509) 313-3443), with any questions around international student support.

SPRING FACILITIES, DINING & OTHER SERVICES

ZagDining remains committed to innovating services, allowing for flexibility with safety standards in place for students, guests, and staff. Last year, most facilities were opened to meet the needs of community members that returned to campus. It was a year that required flexibility for changing conditions as more knowledge was gained about COVID-19 and how to manage a campus environment to better protect all who live and work here.

The same dining protocols (facility requirements and safety measures, dining options, etc.) as the fall will be present this spring. Click here to learn more.

Please note that with the ever-changing needs of the campus, ZagDining approach may change. We will continue to work diligently with the campus and all state and local regulatory agencies to ensure that our services align with the most updated requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding through these evolving times and know that we are working tirelessly to ensure you are not only safe and healthy, but also being fed to the high standards of ZagDining.

Similarly, signage and expectations in the John J. Hemmingson Center, Mail Services, Bookstore (Zag Shop by Follett), Technology Infrastructure, U.S. BANK, ZagCard Services remain the same as fall semester.

SPRING CAMPUS PUBLIC HEALTH & WELL-BEING

This Health, Safety & Well-Being Plan continues to be updated with the latest guidance and requirements from public health partners at the local, state, and national levels. This plan, informed by our mission, has been developed in collaboration with SRHD to ensure that the prevention, intervention, and mitigation strategies are rooted in current best practices, are evidence-based, and are feasible. As we continue to battle COVID-19, we rely on these mandates to help us navigate unprecedented times, protecting the health and safety of our community.

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

Many of the public health measures put into place for the fall still hold true. But there are some new requirements and recommendations for spring semester:

Vaccination (including Booster)

All campus-based graduate and law students were required to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination (along with other required vaccines) to participate in in-person, campus-based programs and activities, including eligibility to study abroad, beginning Fall Semester 2021. (*Students in graduate programs that are offered exclusively online are not required to submit COVID-19 vaccination proof or documentation. Students in programs that are offered partly on campus/in person must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination). All students must obtain a COVID-19 vaccine approved for Emergency Use Authorization in the US or through the WHO and be fully vaccinated prior to arrival to campus:

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• Pfizer-BioNTech
• Moderna
• Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen
• WHO EUL Approved Vaccine List

Starting in Spring 2022, all students who are eligible to receive a booster, meaning that 6 months have passed since the second dose of a 2-dose series or 2 months have passed since the first dose of a one-dose series, are required to submit documentation of a booster. The deadline for this submission for those eligible is January 21st. If the student is not yet eligible to receive a booster, they will be required to submit documentation of the booster within 14 days following eligibility. This requirement does not apply to students with approved exemptions.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Documentation**

If you have not already, students must provide documentation of full vaccination:

- Go to our [Online Health Portal](#).
- Enter your Gonzaga University login username and password.
- Follow the steps to indicate vaccination status and upload your documents (*please note that verification takes approximately 5 business days, and you will receive an email confirmation once your status has been verified; you do not need to follow up).*
- **All students must upload their Vaccine Status to be considered fully vaccinated and be allowed to attend Gonzaga.**
- Records will be accessible to Gonzaga University Health and Counseling Services personnel (students only) and Gonzaga University Human Resources (employees only).
- Students in campus-based programs who decline to provide documentation of their vaccination status will not be permitted to enroll at Gonzaga.

**Special Circumstances**

- Exemptions (medical and religious) are special circumstances for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Students with exemptions do not need to be fully vaccinated to return to campus. These individuals must continue to abide by public health measures such as masking and physical distancing through all applicable phases of the Washington State “Healthy Washington” plan and per SRHD guidance. Documentation of vaccination exemption is required.
- Some international students may not have obtained vaccines that are approved for use in the US or by the WHO or been able to access the vaccine. These individuals need to complete full vaccination with vaccinations approved in the United States, including the 14 days post-vaccination time, and abide by any public health measures such as masking and physical distancing required by the campus, public health authorities, and the state until full vaccination is accomplished. Documentation of vaccination is required.
COVID-19 Vaccine Access
Gonzaga University has partnered with local health care entities to offer free, on-campus COVID-19 vaccination clinics since last spring. Details on Spring 2022 booster clinics for campus community members will be posted on the Zag On page as soon as they are confirmed.

If you arrive to campus partially vaccinated:
- Ensure that you have a plan in place to receive your second dose
  - Individuals looking for COVID-19 vaccinations can access the Spokane Regional Health District, or the Washington State Department of Health to find a convenient location near them.
- When you have obtained your second dose, continue to submit full proof of vaccination in the Medcat Portal
- Partially vaccinated students must comply with the University’s COVID-19 mitigation strategies until fully vaccinated:
  - Continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing, unless in the student’s place of residence with other household members, or outdoors and separated from people not of their immediate household by at least six feet.
  - Partially vaccinated students are subject to quarantine directives if identified as a close contact of a positive case prior to reaching “fully vaccinated” status.
  - People are considered “fully vaccinated” two (2) weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 series, or two (2) weeks after a single-dose vaccine. This definition is subject to change.

If you have obtained a medical or religious exemption:
- Ensure that you have submitted documentation of your exemption in the Online Health Portal
- Each student who claims an exemption to the vaccination requirement must comply with the University’s COVID-19 mitigation strategies for the remainder of the academic year:
  - Continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing, unless in the student’s place of residence with other household members, or outdoors and separated from people not of their immediate household by at least six feet.
  - Exempt students living in residence halls must wear masks when outside of their personal room, suite or apartment.
  - Exempt students are subject to quarantine directives if identified as a close contact of a positive case.
- Exempt students may change their vaccination status at any point during the year by submitting proof of vaccination documentation in the Medcat Portal.

Masks and Physical Distancing
In accordance with Washington State Department of Health Order 20.03.2, those who have not been fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing, unless outdoors and separated from people not of their immediate household by at least six feet.
- Masks:
  - Masks are required for students and employees indoors while in most congregate (group) or public settings, whether individuals are vaccinated or not.
Masks are required for unvaccinated students, unless in the student’s place of residence with other household members, or outdoors and not within 6 ft of others.

Students who cannot wear a mask for medical or other reasons should contact the Disability Access office.

Students may use their own masks that meet the following standards:
- fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
- completely covers the nose and mouth,
- is secured with ties or ear loops,
- includes multiple layers of fabric,
- allows for breathing without restriction,
- can be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape OR is disposable and replaced daily/when damaged or soiled.

Guests with unknown vaccination status must wear masks when visiting. Key guest intake points across campus will have disposable masks, but we encourage guests to bring their own prior to arrival.

Physical Distancing:
- Not required for fully vaccinated students. Fully vaccinated students may resume activities without staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Required for unvaccinated students, unless in the student’s place of residence with other household members.

Testing
Testing is vital in determining COVID-19 infection and mitigating spread. We will continue to use best practices around testing individuals for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.

Pre-Arrival Testing
We ask that all students, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, boosted or not boosted, test for COVID-19 within 48 hours of their planned return to campus (for graduate and law students, this would be within 48 hours of your first visit to campus for the spring semester). We recognize that it may be difficult to obtain a test, but we ask that you make every effort possible to try to find a testing opportunity in your area prior to your return (note: at-home tests are acceptable).

For those students traveling from international locations, the test required to board the plane fulfills this requirement if your flight ends in Spokane.

If the results are positive, we ask that you remain at home (or your current location) until the end of your isolation period, as defined by current CDC guidance. For those living on campus, presentation of your negative test result may be required upon return. Please schedule a testing appointment or obtain an at-home test as soon as possible in order to meet this requirement.

We will not be requiring you to submit your test results but strongly ask that you take this critical step towards protecting your health and the health of others before the start of the semester.

Ongoing testing strategies will include:
• **Signs/Symptoms/Exposure Testing (SSE):** Individuals **who should be tested** for current infection of COVID-19 include those who have:
  o Signs or symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection.
  o **Non-vaccinated individuals** who have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19.
  o **Non-vaccinated individuals** who have taken part in activities that put them at higher risk for COVID-19 because they cannot physically distance as needed to avoid exposure, such as travel, attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded or poorly ventilated indoor settings.
  o **Fully vaccinated individuals** who have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 should be tested no sooner than 5 days following the date of exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
  o The following individuals currently **do NOT need to be tested** for current COVID-19 infection (subject to change):
    ▪ People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not need to get tested following an exposure as long as they do not develop new symptoms
  o Students with symptoms of or known exposure to COVID-19 can access testing at Gonzaga University Health and Counseling Services or a local healthcare agency or pharmacy.
  o Those who get tested and have symptoms or were potentially exposed should stay away from others pending test results and follow the advice of their healthcare provider

• **Targeted Testing** is performed by Health and Counseling Services in collaboration with SRHD and is the testing of close contacts of a confirmed case (both symptomatic and asymptomatic). Further targeted testing occurs based on the test results of close contacts and other epidemiologic factors surrounding each specific case.
  o Fully vaccinated students or those who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months may not be required to test; however genomic sequencing testing may be considered per direction of SRHD and may include fully vaccinated students.
  o We will establish community partnerships with healthcare agencies to assist with the provision of targeted testing for students as needed.

• **Surveillance Testing** on campus will persist only for special populations as needed (e.g., student athletes per NCAA guidelines, nursing students per requirements of clinical site or WA DOH). **At this time, we do not plan to have open walk-in testing on campus for Spring 2022.** On the advice of Spokane Regional Health District, focused random testing for COVID-19 may be introduced should circumstances warrant it.

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**Daily Self-Screening**

Daily Self-Screening and reporting of symptoms can quickly identify those who may be at risk for COVID-19. Self-screening also helps in the process of quarantining or isolating those who may have COVID-19 or have been exposed. Every day, we ask that you:
• Conduct symptom monitoring before coming to campus or leaving your residence for campus-related purposes (this information **does not need to be reported via ZagCheck in a daily attestation**).
• Do not come to campus if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
• Report any COVID-19 symptoms to Health and Counseling Services (509-313-4052) and test for COVID-19 immediately at Health & Counseling Services.

**Isolation & Quarantine**

Isolation and Quarantine continue to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on our campus. The requirements for isolation and quarantine, especially with the introduction of the vaccine, continue to change and be modified at the national level. Click on the links below for the most up-to-date information:

- **Isolation:**
  - CDC isolation guidelines
  - Gonzaga Isolation Process:
    - All known students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19 must initiate isolation and may be required to move to an isolation space on campus or within their own residence:
      - Contact Tracers will provide case management for all students in isolation. SRHD may also provide support for off-campus students in instances of high-volume dependent on isolation space availability.
      - On-campus students in the same isolation facility may interact with each other and do not require a private bathroom.

- **Quarantine:**
  - CDC quarantine guidelines
  - Gonzaga Quarantine Process:
    - All known unvaccinated students determined to be a close contact of a positive case must initiate quarantine and may be required to move to a quarantine space on campus or within their own residence:
      - Contact Tracers will provide case management for all students in quarantine. SRHD may also provide support in instances of high-volume dependent on quarantine space availability.
      - Quarantine protocols follow and SRHD guidelines.
      - Fully vaccinated students who are close contacts of a positive case do not need to quarantine at this time but are notified of their exposure and provided instructions for testing and masking.

Click [here](#) for more information about Gonzaga’s Quarantine & Isolation Guidance.

**Contact Tracing**

Contact tracing continues to be an effective disease control strategy that helps interrupt disease transmission. Contact tracing involves working with an individual who has confirmed COVID-19 and the close contacts of that individual where close contacts may need to isolate or quarantine. The privacy and confidentiality rights of a confirmed case and close contacts will be maintained at all times. Contact tracers will:

Click [here](#) for more information about Gonzaga’s Quarantine & Isolation Guidance.
• Identify and reach out to those within the GU campus community who test positive or have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 by a confirmed case.
• Communicate to those impacted individuals the situation and the protocols that take place during contact tracing.
• Educate those impacted individuals about isolation and quarantine requirements utilizing established GU isolation and quarantine protocols.
• Forward case information to the COVID-19 Coordinator for use in the Isolation and Quarantine Branch or with SRHD as appropriate.

This spring, many of the public health processes and support services available in the fall will continue to be offered to students including:
- COVID-19 Action Response Team (CART)
- Mental Health Support Services
- Environmental Design/Cleaning & Sanitation
- Education & Communication Programs

SPRING GUEST GUIDANCE & CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMING

In Fall 2021, Gonzaga University reopened to all guests, who are expected to follow University COVID-19 guidelines.

Guests on Campus
Visitor guidelines rolled out in the fall will remain the same for spring semester. Click here to learn more.

Commencement 2022
At this time, following is the schedule for Commencement 2022:
• Commencement Mass: Saturday, May 7
• Graduate School Commencement: Saturday, May 7
• Undergraduate Commencement: Sunday, May 8

Co-Curricular Programming
We recognize the incredible value of gathering as students in both structured and unstructured programs and we are thrilled to be able to offer more in-person programming this academic year. Department-sponsored programming (e.g., lecture hosted by DICE, workshop sponsored by OHP, etc.) will work with GUEST services for room reservations and event support. We will return to a more robust offering of onsite volunteer opportunities for students.

Click on the links below for more information about specific programming:
- Gonzaga Outdoors
- SpikeNites
- Campus Kids
SPRING CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY

The safety and security of campus remains fundamental to how behavioral changes (in accordance with public health needs) are promoted. We must balance public health needs with general care and concern for all individuals. Clear adherence to public health protocols and protection of the campus community will only be as effective as our communication of expectations and enforcement of those expectations being linked to education.

All of us must remain active participants in the work of mitigating transmission and conducting ourselves in a manner appropriate to this circumstance. Compliance with all required public health practices outlined in this Guide is expected of everyone.

Our Student Code of Conduct addresses misconduct, which would include refusing to wear a mask or not physically distancing if you are unvaccinated.

NEW STUDENTS must review the COVID-19 Notice & Acknowledgement of Student Risk document at the end of this Guide indicates that you will comply with all requirements.

CSPS officers will request a University-issued ID for verification before performing key services. All students must have their GU ID in their possession at all times while on campus and are encouraged to wear their GU ID in a visible fashion (such as on a lanyard or badge clip) for easy identification. Guests will be issued guest identification and be escorted through campus/to their destination by the sponsoring department.

Buildings: Gonzaga facilities will still be accessible by Gonzaga ID card only. External building card-access doors, such as those to residence halls, will be locked 24/7. Employees and students can use their Gonzaga ID card to access doors. External building doors with manual locks should remain locked with signage indicating the campus is closed to guests and directions to contact CSPS or the guest’s point of contact for assistance. In an effort to assist with our contact tracing efforts, selected building and department reception areas will have guest logs for visitors. Departments will ensure logs record when visiting individuals (such as prospective students, families, alumni, donors, guests) have entered and exited the facility. Completed guest logs must be retained by the department for at least four weeks.

Campus Rides and Transportation: CSPS will offer critical transportation on-campus for employees or students, with GU ID, as long as all participants are wearing appropriate PPE (at a minimum, a mask) are not symptomatic/sick, and no more than 1 rider is in the vehicle. CSPS may request able-bodied riders to wipe down their door handles, seat, and seatbelt with a provided cleaning wipe at the end of the transport.
**SPRING FITNESS CENTER, INTRAMURALS & CLUB SPORTS**

Gonzaga University Athletics is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Our goal is for you to exercise and enjoy physical fitness in a safe and healthy environment.

COVID-19 processes and protocols related to the fitness center, intramurals and club sports will continue for spring. Click on the links below to learn more:

- [Rudolf Fitness Center](#)
- [Intramurals](#)
- [Club Sports](#) have resumed following direction from Intramural Sports and the Spokane Regional Health District. If you have any questions or concerns, and for further updates, please email [getinvolved@gonzaga.edu](mailto:getinvolved@gonzaga.edu)

**Spectators** will again be permitted, with specific directives in place, at home athletic events per state, local and University guidelines at the time of the event.

**Intercollegiate Athletics**

As student-athletes are allowed to return to use campus facilities for training and sports medicine needs, NCAA regulations and protocols set forth with the guidance of the SRHD have been implemented. Procedures including reserved workout times, capacity limitations based on Phases, health screenings upon arrival, cleaning and sanitization standards, hand hygiene and physical distancing provide a safe atmosphere that allows student-athletes to workout in their own predetermined space.

Following state, local and NCAA guidelines, plans and protocols have been developed for the safe return to college sports. Student-athletes may reach out to their coach for further details and questions pertaining to their team.
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Physical, Mental, Spiritual & Emotional Well-Being
We remain committed to a holistic model of well-being and health; building on the individual strengths of each of us and a deep sense of community to attain and to maintain holistic health.

The impact COVID-19 has had on you, your family and loved ones is difficult, if not impossible, to measure. Some students have reported feeling confused, anxious, and stressed. Despite your best efforts, it can be difficult to maintain your mental health during a pandemic. You are not alone, and our community is here to provide you with the resources you need to cope with this crisis and your emotional experience during this time. As a Gonzaga student, you have access to expert advice from healthcare professionals for many medical and health-related needs:

- Gonzaga University Health and Counseling Services: (509) 313-4052
- 24-Hour NurseLine: Talk to a registered nurse at no charge: (800) 841-8343
- Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center: (509) 474-3131
- MultiCare Deaconess Hospital: (509) 473-5800

Mental Health
Emotional and psychological well-being are essential components of a student’s health. We are committed to allocating resources to mental health treatment and education efforts. We understand that emotional, social, and financial disruptions, in combination with 24/7 media coverage, and the associated fear and uncertainty surrounding this pandemic, may take a toll on your well-being. Studies tells us this can lead to depression, anxiety, substance use, anti-social behavior and other difficult or potentially self-destructive responses. Innovative approaches at Gonzaga are being used to extend resources further as this pandemic continues to affect the mental health of students, faculty, and staff. Gonzaga’s holistic approach to promoting a healthy community helps to foster an ethos of “cura personalis” that focuses on the well-being of the whole person. Following are some of the excellent resources for our students:

- Gonzaga University Health and Counseling Services: (509) 313-4052
- Gonzaga University Center for Cura Personalis: (509) 313-2227 (non-clinical)
- Campus-Wide messaging campaign around keeping Zags healthy found in the #ZagOn campaign, Positive Messages Campaign
- COVID Care Packages
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1 (800) 273-TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- Wellness Toolbox, Tips Packet/Care Cards
- Educational Opportunities:
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - Suicide Prevention Training
  - Zags Help Zags, and information on other campus resources
- Virtual Resources and Information: Online Wellness Toolbox, COVID-Related Information Hub

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Increase Help-Seeking Behavior: Campus-wide messaging campaign around keeping Zags healthy in new environment. Visual positive messages campaign, promotion of campus resources, establish/update plans to assess mental health in student population

Virtual Services & Education: Workshops, mindfulness practice, skill building programs, Identifying students at risk, Wellness Toolbox

Non-Clinical Interventions (Case Management): Gonzaga University Center for Cura Personalis can provide support for students testing positive for COVID, support for students whose mental health is impacted but do not require/desire clinical intervention, connecting “well” students to on & off campus resources, consultation for staff, faculty, students, families of students of concern, outreach to students of concern & students not engaging in class

Clinical Interventions: Gonzaga University Health and Counseling Services provides counseling visits for individuals, virtual group sessions (Spring 2022), careful attention/response to suicidal thoughts and behaviors, mental health crisis response

- **Wellness Toolbox, Health Check, Campus & Community resources**
- **Other Links:**
  - Seize the Awkward
  - NAMI COVID-19 Resource and Information Guide
  - Active Minds
  - 6 Daily Questions to Ask Yourself in Quarantine
  - COVID-19 Resource Guide
  - Steve Fund Knowledge Center
  - How LGBTQ Youth Can Cope with Anxiety and Stress During COVID-19

- **Tip Sheets for:**
  - Staying Educated
    - About Coronaviruses
    - Understanding & Preventing COVID-19
    - Health & Safety Resources
  - Staying Mentally Healthy
    - Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
    - Mental Health and Coping During an Outbreak
    - Managing Pandemic Stress
  - Mindfulness, Mental Health First Aid and Meditation toolkits

If you need mental health support, please contact CCP at (509) 313-2227 and/or Health and Counseling Services at (509) 313-4052. You can also refer a friend using the online Refer form.
Your Spiritual & Emotional Wellness

The Office of Mission and Ministry is available to meet with you and talk about faith, life, joys, sorrows, questions, and whatever is on your heart. Click here for contact information and a video or find the Digital Ministry Schedule here.

Contacts for Support

Following are campus contacts to reach out to with specific questions:

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For general questions or for more information, visit www.gonzaga.edu/zagon or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (509) 313-7070.
COVID-19 Notice & Acknowledgment of Student Risk
(for students who had not previously signed)
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
AY 2021-2022
COVID-19 NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT RISK

Each student making the decision to participate in academic, student life (including residence life), and/or athletic programs ("Program(s)") at the Gonzaga University Spokane Campus during the 2021-2022 academic year should only do so after considering the risks and responsibilities described in the following paragraphs.

Each student must make an individual voluntary decision to participate in the Program(s) based on their individual health status and other personal considerations.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a disease caused by a relatively new virus that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 has spread throughout the world. Multiple variants of the virus that cause COVID-19 are circulating globally and within the United States. Scientists are working to learn more about these variants, including (1) how widely these new variants have spread, (2) how the disease caused by these new variants differs from the disease caused by other variants that are currently circulating, and (3) how these variants may affect available therapies, vaccines, and tests.

COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness and/or death. A person can become infected from the uptake of respiratory droplets from an infected person; respiratory droplets are produced when an individual coughs, sneezes, or talks. Current data suggest that close-range aerosol transmission by droplet and inhalation, and contact followed by self-delivery to the eyes, nose, or mouth, are likely routes of transmission. As we continue to learn about the disease, variants, and associated symptoms, the best way to protect oneself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19, wear a mask, maintain physical distancing requirements, and comply with social gathering limitations.

A person infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 may be asymptomatic, suffer mild discomfort, experience severe illness, or even die. Persons in the following categories are at increased risk for developing more serious complications and/or severe illness from COVID-19:

- Older adults
- People of all ages with certain medical conditions including:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic lung disease, including COPD, moderate to severe asthma, interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Dementia or other neurological conditions
  - Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
  - Down syndrome
  - Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies or hypertension)
  - HIV infection
  - Immune-compromised state (weakened immune system)
  - Liver disease
  - Overweight and obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking (current or former)
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain
- Substance use disorders (such as alcohol, opioid, or cocaine use disorder)

Students who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should consider immediately contacting the Student Disability Access Office to discuss possible reasonable accommodations during the 2021-2022 academic year and/or postponement of their participation in Programs at the Spokane Campus until the COVID-19 and pandemic-related risks subside, even if doing so results in a delay of their progress toward degree completion.

In accordance with its Mission, Gonzaga University holds as paramount the health, safety, and welfare of every member of its community. Having said that, the reality is the University cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. This is simply not feasible.

**Taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Gonzaga University is a shared responsibility. Every member of our community -- including individual students -- must do their part.** This means adhering to national, state, and local health guidelines and requirements, and adhering to those measures Gonzaga University deems safe and appropriate for its campus. Specific details will be provided as circumstances dictate, but these may include measures such as: vaccination, random surveillance testing, temperature checks, physical distancing, wearing masks, using other personal protective equipment, not attending Programs if sick, and isolating and quarantining when required. Effective at the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester, Gonzaga University is requiring all students attending in academic year 2021-2022 to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Exemptions may be requested for medical or religious reasons. Students receiving these exemptions will, at times, likely be subjected to more of the above-described measures than fully vaccinated students, including wearing masks.

The University's vaccination decision is informed by several key factors, including:

- The moral, ethical, and legal obligation to endeavor to create and support a reasonably safe and hazard-free campus and work environment for our students, faculty and staff;
- The fact that vaccination is supported by local, state, and national public health agencies as the primary tool for preventing COVID-19, and ending the pandemic;
- The belief that immunization creates the best opportunity for resuming "normal" campus activities, including in-person instruction, shared residence hall spaces, communal dining, student sports, recreation and performance activities – many of which are fundamental to the holistic educational experience to which we are committed; and
- The many challenges the Gonzaga community faced last year managing infections, and the desire to expend as few resources as possible on COVID-19 testing, isolation and quarantine services.
EACH STUDENT MUST VOLUNTARILY DECIDE WHETHER TO BECOME FULLY VACCINATED OR REQUEST AN EXEMPTION. STUDENTS MUST ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE FREE TO DO NEITHER.

If a student is unwilling to accept the risks (as explained by their healthcare provider) associated with (1) becoming fully vaccinated or (2) requesting an exemption and, therefore, chooses to do neither, they may request a leave of absence if eligible as a returning student, request to defer their admission as a new student, or cause their enrollment status to be changed to “on hold” or “disenrolled”, but they may not participate in on-campus Programs during academic year 2021-22.

Students must agree to engage in all of these COVID-19 countermeasures and protective measures not just for themselves but for the safety of others, and because this is consistent with their obligations as members of the Gonzaga University community.

Students making the decision to participate in Programs at the Spokane Campus during the 2021-2022 academic year must understand that there are inherent risks associated with this decision that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid infection and that they may contract COVID-19 and infect others.

The COVID-19 related risks of participating in Programs at the Spokane Campus during the 2021-2022 academic year include, but are not limited to, contracting COVID-19, respiratory failure, organ failure, paralysis, exacerbation of existing health conditions, stress, social-stigmatization, spreading the disease to others, and death. Although the University will be taking steps to mitigate these risks, the University cannot guarantee that students will not become infected and/or infect others.

By voluntarily deciding to participate in Programs at the Spokane Campus during the 2021-2022 academic year, each student acknowledges their individual responsibility to comply with the following requirements (which may be modified as the University receives additional guidance and conditions change):

- frequently check themselves for any symptoms of COVID-19 and maintain ongoing awareness of whether they are experiencing any symptoms;

- notify a healthcare provider immediately and not attend in-person Program classes or meetings if they become sick and/or exhibit any of the following symptoms of COVID-19: fever or chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, cough, fatigue, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, headache, muscle or body aches, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, and/or the new loss of sense of taste or smell;

- comply with the public health requirements and directives issued by Gonzaga University, the City of Spokane, the Spokane Regional Health District, the Washington Department of Health, other Washington state agencies, and the Washington Governor, including random surveillance testing, temperature checks, physical distancing, wearing masks, using other personal protective equipment, not attending Programs if sick, isolating and
quarantining when required; and

- understand that their decision to participate in Programs at the Spokane Campus during the 2021-2022 academic year may result in additional costs, including healthcare costs, travel cancellation and rescheduling costs, and additional food and lodging costs for students not in University housing or without University meal plans, including, but not limited to, costs arising from isolation and quarantine. International students may arrange for housing and dining associated with any government mandated period of quarantine upon arrival at the University by contacting campus housing.

Students should contact GU Health and Counseling Services at 509-313-4066 if they believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.

NEW STUDENTS

Please click here to sign your COVID-19 Notice and Acknowledgement of Student Risk Form