

# Guide TO FALL 2020

**DENISON'S PLAN  
FOR FALL:**  
PREPARED. FLEXIBLE.  
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## Reopen Fall 2020 Weekly Update: July 17, 2020

*We are looking forward to the Fall and welcoming students back to campus. As we prepare, we'll have a lot of information to share - and you'll have a lot of questions along the way. In addition to the [Guide to Fall 2020 website](#), you'll also be receiving this weekly email (sent to students and parents). In it, we'll share information, updates, and reminders. Please remember, if you have questions, the website is a great resource and you can always email [reopen@denison.edu](mailto:reopen@denison.edu) or call [740-587-5607](tel:740-587-5607) from 10 am - 4 pm EST (voicemail is available after hours).*

### This Week:

- Town Hall Videos
- Big Red Weekend Update
- Visitor Policy
- Symptom Monitoring Reminder
- Questions of the Week
  - Textbooks
  - Bookstore
  - Move-in
  - Work-study

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### **Miss the Town Halls?**

For those who were unable to join the town halls this week, they are available for you to watch at your leisure.

[Watch the first-year town hall »](#)

[Watch the returning parents and students town hall »](#)

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### **Big Red Weekend**

Due to restrictions by the Ohio Department of Health on large group gatherings, along with our own commitment to the health and safety of our community, we have to limit the number of people, including visitors, we have on campus this fall. With that in mind, we are canceling Big Red Weekend. However, we remain committed to bringing the Denison community together and we are working on ways to connect virtually this fall.

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## **Visitor Policy**

We continue to adjust policies and protocols in support of our commitment to maximizing safety and responsibly managing risks for our students, faculty, staff, and for the broader community. For the 2020-21 academic year, we are limiting visits to campus and encouraging virtual meetings and experiences. Those who visit campus are expected to respect and abide by campus policies, posted regulations, and instructions related to health and safety measures, including wearing facial coverings and following social distancing protocols.

[Read the full policy](#)

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## **Symptom Monitoring and Reminder to Verify Mobile Phone Number**

It will be important for each member of the Denison community to monitor their own health and we will ask all faculty, staff, and students to complete and submit a daily electronic symptom check. Once a student completes the check-in, they will receive a clearance badge for display on their phone, indicating they have completed their check-in for the day. Students may be asked to show their badge before entering classes, dining halls, and other buildings and events on campus.

In preparation and in order to establish good habits, we are asking all students to begin symptom monitoring and check-in two weeks prior to arrival on campus. More details about how that will occur will be sent to students as we approach July 27. To ensure students receive the daily symptom check reminders, they should **log into their [MyWellness Portal](#) (in MyDenison) to verify their mobile phone number** within their profile settings. Please do that now so you are ready to go on July 27.

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## **Questions of the Week**

### **How do I learn about the textbooks I need?**

The Denison Bookstore enables you to find and order required textbooks and suggested readings for your classes. Simply go to the Student tab on MyDenison and select [ShopTextbooks](#) from the Quick Links menu on the lower right hand of the page. This portal provides a customized list of needs/requirements for your schedule in one place. Once there, you can find your textbooks by choosing the department and course and selecting the arrow at the bottom of the page. When your professors have made their textbook selection, you will find it here. Note, many professors are still completing their resource requirements, please check back if the textbooks for your classes are not yet listed.

**Is the Bookstore open to purchase textbooks?**

To reduce density and maintain health and safety standards, the Bookstore will not provide course materials in its Slayter location. Students choosing to get their course materials through the Bookstore will do so by ordering online (online orders are not open yet but will be soon). If students order prior to Move-in, their books will be held for pick-up with their packages (First-years in Smith Lounge, Sophomore & Juniors in the basement of Swasey Chapel, and Seniors in the Slayter Package Room). For orders placed after August 15, pick up will be in Slayter.

**Is the Bookstore open to purchase items other than textbooks?**

The Bookstore will be open daily for purchase of office supplies, cards, and Denison gear.

**Do I have to be completely moved in within the 30-minute window I selected?**

No, the 30-minute time slot is just the window in which we are asking you to arrive on campus. We are asking all students and their helpers to complete Move-in within two hours and that helpers leave after Move-in is complete (except for first-year families who may stay for the information fair and to hear welcome remarks from President Weinberg).

**Will work-study be available for students on campus? What about students studying remotely?**

Work-study opportunities will be available for students on campus. Students studying remotely may use work-study funding for hours worked remotely if the job they hold allows for remote work. Not all student jobs are able to be worked remotely. It is up to each individual supervisor to determine what positions and tasks can be worked remotely, and to pay students for hours worked. This is pursuant to federal law governing the use of federal work-study funding, and Denison's policies on the allowable use of all work-study funding to mirror federal law. Students studying remotely in the fall, but enrolling on campus in the spring, may use all work-study funding in the spring semester if they choose and if the position they hold allows for a sufficient number of hours.

**What if I am studying remotely and my work-study job can't be done remotely?**

Students studying remotely who do not hold a position that can be worked remotely are unable to use work-study funding. The primary purpose of work-study funding is to facilitate on-campus employment for students during the school year because off-campus employment opportunities are limited. Specific employment opportunities are not guaranteed and work-study funding is not offered, nor is it intended to provide funding for, students to pay normal tuition, required fees, housing, and meal charges. The full demonstrated financial need of every student is met based on the comprehensive cost to attend Denison (i.e., tuition, required fees, housing, and meals) without including work-study funding, which is offered on top of all other financial aid.

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