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## Reopen Fall 2020 Weekly Update: July 24, 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 <u>Guide to Fall 2020</u> 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 <u>reopen@denison.edu</u> or call <u>740-587-5607</u> from 10 am - 4 pm EST (voicemail is available after hours).

## This Week:

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### **Community Care Agreement Coming Soon**

Denison is a deeply relational campus -- students, faculty, and staff form incredible bonds that are the foundation of the unique Denison experience. We care about and for one another and we will rely heavily on that culture of caring this fall. This will be a semester unlike any other, and it will take the sincere commitment of every one of us to stay well so we can stay together on The Hill.

With input from students, we are finalizing a Community Care Agreement that outlines the actions students will agree to take to protect their own health and that of their fellow Denisonians (students, faculty and staff). The agreement outlines expectations for mask-wearing, social distancing, socializing responsibly, participating in Denison's testing protocols, and more (all of the things we've been communicating about over the last few weeks). It also makes clear that we will take violations of the commitment seriously. Next week, each student returning to campus will receive an electronic version to sign before moving onto campus.

### **Student Travel and Off-Campus Guidelines**

Together, we are making a commitment to do all we can to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spread on our campus and in our local community. An important component of our plan is maintaining as closed of a

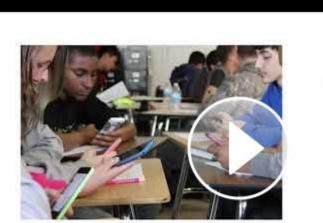
campus system as possible - that means reducing our exposure to those outside of our campus environment and avoiding locations that do not take health and safety measures seriously. While this does not mean requiring that everyone stay on campus and never leave, it does mean being very judicious about when and where we travel off campus.

#### **Read the Travel & Off-Campus Guidelines**

### Start Symptom Monitoring and Check-In on Monday, July 27

As previously communicated, we are asking all members of our community to monitor and report their symptoms daily via our <u>Wellness Portal.</u> We want to start tracking the viral health of our community before students arrive on campus so we are asking all students to begin the logging process on Monday, July 27. Starting Monday, students will receive a daily email reminding them to log in and report (NOTE: once students arrive on campus they will receive daily text reminders). Students will need to log into the MyWellness Portal, access the daily symptom survey, and answer four simple questions.

Once a student completes the check-in, they will receive a clearance badge for display on their device, 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. Students will also need to show their badge at move-in. The video below walks you through the steps.



COVID-19 Symptom Checking Tutorial



### Fall Athletics Update

In a statement made on Wednesday, the <u>NCAC announced</u> that it will suspend all intercollegiate competition through December 31, 2020.

### Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Information Sessions

Denison is providing information sessions on three specific topics (see below). Each of these sessions takes place at 4:30 p.m. ET. They will be recorded and will be available for viewing after the sessions take place. Please pre-submit your questions through <u>this form.</u> You may submit multiple questions at the same time. We will send an email reminder about the information sessions next week.

- <u>The classroom experience and academic life: July 30</u>
- Health and wellness: July 31
- Residential and social life: August 5

### **Questions of the Week**

# This week the governor of Ohio made masks mandatory for the entire state, does this impact Denison in any way?

This <u>new statewide order</u> is consistent with the plans and protocols Denison has already had in place, as our mask policy already calls for masks to be worn in all public spaces and outdoors when physical distancing cannot be consistently maintained. In addition, masks had already been required in Licking County (including the village of Granville), and Franklin County (Columbus). However, it is important for students to understand that masks are now legally required everywhere in the state of Ohio.

#### Certain states have been reporting 15% or higher COVID-19 positive testing rates and the governor also announced a recommended 14-day quarantine for those coming to Ohio from those states. What does it mean for Denison students coming to campus from these states?

We are developing a protocol for students who will be returning to Denison from these states and will communicate details soon.

#### Do students have to bring their own thermometer or will one be provided?

We ask all students to bring a thermometer with them to campus. However, we have procured a significant supply and will make a thermometer available to any student who does not have one upon arrival to campus.

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