



Office of Student Affairs

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Dear Salem Students,

With the Fall fast approaching, we want to share our exciting new plans. To keep our campus and our local community as healthy as possible, Salem is implementing a revised plan for orientation. We have worked hard to minimize any disruptions to you, so please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

New Student Orientation – August 27 and 28:

- Students are asked to arrive according to their last name on designated days as follows:
 - Thursday, August 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. – A to L
 - Friday, August 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. – M to Z
- A drive-thru model has been adopted for both orientation days. Tents will be set up in our **upper parking lot**. You will stop at the first tent for a COVID-19 wellness screening (temperature check & contact checks) conducted by Athletic Training. You will then proceed through orientation. Security will be assisting with traffic flow and control.
- Students without vehicles may walk-thru on Friday, August 28, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Students who are not Financial Aid complete will be directed to park and be escorted to the financial aid office. Please get your financial aid completed prior to arrival in order to reduce your wait time.

Returning Students – August 29:

- Students are asked to arrive on campus Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Prior to reporting to your housing assignment, you will drive-up to the tents **set up in the half circle** for COVID-19 wellness screenings and housing questions.

All Students:

- During orientation and move-in, visitors are limited to two (2) per student. These visitors must be 18 or over. Face masks are required.
- Visitors and students are asked not to gather in one area for extended periods of time.
- Salem University has partnered with WVU Medicine and the Harrison County Health Department to provide COVID-19 testing to all students (submitted through student's private insurance). Student testing is scheduled for August 31-September 4.
- **All athletes** will undergo daily health screenings prior to athletic activities to consist of:
 - Temperature, symptom, and contact checks
 - If an athlete has a fever and symptoms, he/she will be isolated, quarantined and/or retested for COVID-19.
- **All students** will have a daily temperature check conducted prior to entering classrooms and other high traffic areas.
- Masks are required for students, faculty, staff, and visitors while in campus buildings. These locations include the cafeteria (except while eating), all common areas, and classrooms. Visitors continue to be restricted.
- Building entrances, exits, and stairwells have been clearly designated and marked to allow for proper social distancing. Please be aware of and follow directional notices on doorways and floors.

- Social distancing will be strictly enforced. Please be aware of your surroundings and act responsibly.
- Requirements discussed in our prior communications remain in place. To review, visit www.salemu.edu/covid-19-updates/.

Each student, staff and faculty member is expected to take the proper steps to stay safe. These include social distancing, mask-wearing, and handwashing. Everyone must accept personal responsibility and accountability.

Please be patient and flexible. Plans will continue to evolve, but together, we will have a great fall and beyond.

This upcoming academic year will be different, however we are doing everything possible to be ready for your arrival. Your health and safety will always be our top priority and we look forward to helping you achieve your academic goals.

To schedule the shuttle for your return to campus, please visit <https://doodle.com/poll/849xdccyesuay6m6>

If you have any questions please contact Dennis McNaboe, Dean of Student Affairs, at DMcNaboe@salemu.edu or call/text 304-678-6608.

Sincerely,

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“Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”

- Dale Carnegie