



SALEM
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COVID-19 FAQ's

2020-2021

As we navigate the 2020/2021 school year at Salem University, we've updated the following answers to the most common questions regarding our COVID-19 related plans.

As a student at Salem University, how can I be sure the campus is a safe environment?

Salem has an integrated approach to developing strategies focused on health and safety. We want to encourage confidence in the well-being of our learning community. This strategy includes a commitment to create both safe learning environments for students, as well as work environments for staff. We will be in compliance with WV State and Federal US requirements, as well as guidelines identified by such entities and the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

What steps is the University taking related to cleaning and disinfecting?

Antibacterial hand-sanitizing stations, wipes, soaps, etc. are placed in key locations in each building. Signage and other information related to such practices as handwashing are posted. The University has committed extra resources to ensure acquisition of proper materials and training for cleaning professionals. We are using cleaning products that meet EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) guidelines. Our cleaning professionals have increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting all classrooms, offices, common areas and public spaces. Classrooms are cleaned twice daily. Industrial cleaning, including electrostatic disinfectant, is performed in classrooms and common areas weekly.

Do I have to wear a mask?

Salem requires all students, staff/faculty, and visitors to wear face masks or coverings in public spaces. Face masks or coverings are not required in dorm rooms, personal vehicles or private offices. This is subject to change based upon government requirements and/or restrictions. Mask wearing and other COVID-19 policies, will be evaluated at the end of each month or every 30 days.

Do I have to practice social distancing?

Salem has implemented social distancing requirements in all classrooms, offices, and other common areas and public spaces on each campus. Physical contact should be minimized as much as possible and we have implemented the standard recognized practice of physical distancing as required in West Virginia and Federal requirements. This would include visiting staff offices, standing in lines, waiting for elevators (including limited capacity), walking through public areas, and utilizing common spaces such as restrooms. Also, furniture placement throughout the campus (including classrooms) have been rearranged to allow for increased spacing.

What about the residence halls? What precautions will be in place?

Due to our set up in the residence halls, individual risk assessment is necessary. We are doing everything we can to make the campus safe, but you need to take all precautions to ensure your safety and the consideration of others. Personal responsibility and good decision-making is needed by everyone.

New policies in place for this year include:

- Tiger's Den occupancy is limited to 20 individuals at one time.
- Residence Hall common areas are limited to 10 individuals at one time.
- Requiring the use of masks and handwashing for your protection and those of others.
- Observance of social distancing of 6 feet at all times.
- Instructing our cleaning professionals to increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting.

What about the cafeteria? What precautions will be in place?

Aladdin Food Services requires face masks when in the cafeteria, except while eating. All food will be served behind the line. No buffets will be offered. Tables and chairs have been placed with social distancing requirements in mind. **DO NOT MOVE FURNITURE.** Social distancing will be strictly enforced. Directional arrows have been posted. Dine-in and Grab-n-Go options are available.

What happens if an individual on campus tests positive for COVID-19 or has contact with someone who has?

Salem is following NCAA guidelines concerning testing. At this time 20% of our student athletes are being tested regularly. If an individual tests positive they are required to isolate for 10 days. Contact tracing will be conducted. Those individuals with direct contact are subject to a 10-day quarantine. Those with limited contact are subject to a 5-day quarantine. After completing isolation or quarantine, follow-up testing may be required.

What about the local area?

Personal responsibility and good decision-making is needed by everyone. We will do everything we can to advise students in non-university related practices that may be relevant for local travel. However, we will continue to provide shuttle services to the local area to ensure safety of our students.

What if I need any mental health or emotional assistance?

LifeMatters provides assistance with Life, School, Family, and Wellbeing 24/7/365 through mylifematters.com; Text "Hello" to 61295; or call toll-free anytime 855-695-2818. In person counseling through LifeMatters is available as well.

What if I or my parents have questions not answered within this document?

As this is an ever-evolving situation, we understand questions may come up that haven't been answered. Please contact Dennis McNaboe, Dean of Student Affairs. Dr. McNaboe can be reached: 304-678-6608, dmcnaboe@salemu.edu, or through WhatsApp.

Salem University is monitoring recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). For updated recommendations from the CDC, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Your health and safety is our top priority. Our Salem University community will work to get through this together!

