



## CPG Update: October 26, 2020

**ATHLETICS UPDATE:** At this time, no decision has been made about the winter or spring sports seasons.

We will provide an update on this as soon as we know more, but at this time there no set deadline for that decision either. It's not a lot, but that's what we know!

In the meantime, teams are practicing a couple times per week and working on strength and conditioning. In order to be eligible to practice, they need to meet the following conditions:

- Have a COVID test result on file w/ Health Services
- Have completed all institutional and NCAA required paperwork, which includes baseline concussion testing
- Be current on EMOCHA App (at least 3 straight days prior to practice date) including weekends
- Adhere to our WC Athletic Dept Fall 2020 Practice Contract
- Coaches will check their temperatures and emocha app prior to every practice

While the status of the upcoming seasons is still unknown, we will plan to continue to hold practices during the spring semester as well, as long as the Key Indicators that dictate operations allow. Should our Alert Level change that plan may need to be adjusted.



## FLU SHOT REQUIREMENT CLARIFICATION

Flu vaccines are required for all returning students, and can be received anytime (and we recommend getting them now!). The deadline noted in the initial announcement was for the documentation of the vaccine - that must be uploaded two weeks prior to arrival for students living on campus, or by Feb. 1 for students living in off-campus housing.



WASHINGTON COLLEGE

We invite you to a  
**Zoom Forum for Parents**  
with:

**Dr. Wayne Powell, President**

**Dr. Michael Harvey, Provost**

**Dr. Sarah Feyerherm, VP for Student Affairs**



**Wed, October 28th / 5 to 6 PM**

Sign up today for this session.

*While time constraints may prevent us from answering every question submitted during the forum, we will make every effort to follow up directly with participants whose questions may not get addressed.*

WC families are invited to a Zoom Forum with Dr. Wayne Powell, Dr. Michael Harvey and Dr. Sarah Feyerherm on **Wed. 10/28 from 5-6 PM.**

[Register for the Forum here.](#)

[Please submit questions in advance here.](#)

In order to ensure the best listening experience for all participants, everyone except for our panelists will be muted. The chat feature will be available for additional questions or comments and moderators will direct those to the speakers. This session will be recorded and posted as well, for anyone who is unable to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE:** *The next Parent Forum will be held via Zoom on Thursday, November 12th. The registration link for that forum will be sent closer to the event date.*

# SELF-QUARANTINE UPON ARRIVAL - WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

*As students prepare to return to campus for the spring semester, we wanted to expand upon one specific requirement - self-quarantine upon arrival.*

## **Why is this necessary?**

First, we want to explain why this is a critical step in achieving a successful semester, and the primary reason is to mitigate the **asymptomatic spread** of this virus. Students will be contributing to the health and safety of the community by adopting these protocols.

These first two weeks are critical for containment, and asking students to embrace self-quarantine is the best way to prevent an outbreak from occurring at the outset. If we have an influx of students that need to enter Quarantine or Isolation spaces immediately upon arrival, our Alert Level - which is data-driven and partially based on availability of these resources - will prevent us from gradually returning students to congregation points like the dining hall, library, athletic facilities, etc.

## **With move-ins staggered, when does this start/end?**

The two week self-quarantine begins on the day of each students arrival to campus. As noted, a COVID test will be administered as part of the arrival process, and then repeated on Day 12. Repeating the test - and the self-quarantine - helps protect against false negatives from the initial test.

The added benefit with the staggered move-in schedule is that this facilitates a staggered return to those congregation points already noted.

## **Why do students have to quarantine at home and then again upon arrival?**

The entire goal here is to prevent an influx of positive cases upon arrival. The best way that students can help to do that is by limiting their exposure during the two weeks prior to their return. We understand that some students will be coming in via air travel and therefore technically "breaking quarantine", but would ask that even in those circumstances, the exposure prior to arrival still be limited. Entering quarantine upon arrival is a continuation of this effort to keep our baseline numbers low.

## **What can students do during this two-week period?**

See the next page for some more on the "dos and don'ts", but generally students can pick up Grab & Go meals from the dining hall, run essential errands and go outside for exercise or fresh air.

What they can't do is congregate with other students. One caveat to this is for students living in suites with suitemates. You are already considered a "family" or "pod" due to the living arrangements and can congregate together to watch TV or go for a walk, as examples.

Once the 2nd COVID test confirms a student is negative, the self-quarantine will be lifted. Students will then be encouraged to form "pods/families" and to still limit social activities to stay within these groups.



# Self-Quarantine Do's & Don'ts

- *Come prepared with whatever essential supplies you need for two weeks (contact lens solution, hygiene products, medications, etc.)*
- *Bring plenty of your favorite Snacks!*
- *Get your Grab & Go meals from the dining hall (wear your mask of course)*
- *Plan for outdoor breaks for exercise and/or fresh air - bring your cold weather gear. (If cold weather exercise isn't your thing, find a fitness app that will let you get in a good workout indoors.)*
- *Plan video chats with family and friends to stay connected*
- *Get a jump-start on your reading for the semester!*
- *Don't congregate with other students (with the exception of suitemates, if applicable) during the self-quarantine window.*
- *Don't attend gatherings off-campus*



## DINING SERVICES SAFETY & OPERATIONS

A "Path to Open" plan has been created in order to support students on campus, while still complying with necessary safety standards and social distancing measures that will help reduce the spread of COVID. The below outlines the enhanced safety standards will be in place daily in Hodson Hall.

### ASSOCIATE SAFETY

#### Daily Wellness Checks -

- Every associate will receive a wellness check to include self-reported illnesses and a contactless temperature check.

#### Personal Protective Equipment -

- Face coverings will be provided and expected to be worn at all times by associates.
- Gloves will be worn at all times when handling food.
- Plexi health shield barriers used at all registers and points of service.
- All visitors to Hodson Hall will be required to wear a mask/face covering, except when eating or drinking.

### CLEANING & SANITIZING

- Associates wash hands and change gloves every 30 minutes, or less.
- Associates continuously cleaning tables, chairs and all high-touch surfaces with sanitizer.
- Sanitizer stations are available for guests to use at the entrances and exits and in the production areas for associates.
- Upon closing for the day, the team will disinfect the entire facility utilizing Diversey disinfectant.
- Back of house cleaning procedures will take place every 30 minutes. The culinary team will clean and sanitize surfaces and high-touch areas.
- Restrooms will be sanitized every 30 minutes.

# DINING SERVICES SAFETY & OPERATIONS

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

- One-way traffic management to help guests navigate dining and seating areas.
- Social distancing in our kitchens and other back of the house areas.
- New capacity thresholds for each dining location.
- Reduction of cash handling.
- Signage visible at all hand washing sinks and time clocks.
- Floor decals and signs for guests to follow proper distancing and flow of service.

## SPRING SEMESTER OPERATIONS

Dining Services will be open to students with distancing measures in place, enhanced safety procedures and modifications to food service operations (all food will be pre-packaged or served).

Seating will be limited inside the Hodson Hall and there will be no seating at other retail food areas (Java George, Martha's Kitchen, etc.). Weather permitting, seating on the patio will be encouraged.

Operations may change throughout the semester, in accordance with the College's overall Alert Level.

To support safety, the operation of the following stations have been altered and the following practices have been put into place for Hodson Hall:

- Allergen Station – items will be served or prepared for guest with severe allergies by Chef.
- Salad bar/Deli bar – pre-packaged or made to order by attendant.
- Cereal bar – pre-packaged
- MyPantry-breakfast breads, condiments – pre-packaged, also available from deli attendant
- Hand fruit - individually wrapped
- Grill – made to order and served by attendant
- Comfort Station – all items served by attendant
- Rotisserie – all items served by attendant
- Pizza – all items served by attendant
- Dessert Station – pre-packaged
- Milk- self-serve – disposable cups
- Beverages- self-serve – disposable cups
- Condiment stations – pre – packaged individual items

Additionally, hand sanitizing stations are available and use is required by anyone entering the dining area. Hodson Hall will not be accepting cash as payment.

## REFUND POLICY

The refund policy of Washington College for the Spring semester is as follows:

**If the College closes housing after the start of the term:** If a student has to leave campus due to a campus shutdown from COVID-19, a room and board pro-rated refund would be given. Tuition and fees will not be refunded.

**If a student chooses to leave on-campus housing before the end of the semester:** If the College remains open (there is no shut down), no refunds will be issued if a parent/guardian/student decides to have their student move out.