



SUMMIT

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

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As of January 2021, Summit has had several COVID-19 positive cases on campus. We are executing our Phase 1 COVID protocols below to help mitigate spread.

In accordance with the suggested guidelines from the state of Pennsylvania and the CDC, Summit has implemented the following practices to promote the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We understand that guidelines are evolving, and we endeavor to do our best to maintain the standards set forth by state and federal governing bodies where feasible.

During Phase 1, extra precautions will be implemented while we wait to ensure safety on campus. After Phase 1, protocols will be frequently assessed and adjusted as needed.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

In accordance with evolving capacity recommendations, maximum capacity signs will be posted in common gathering areas.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Classrooms, chapel, and public areas on campus will be arranged to accommodate 6-foot physical distancing protocols where feasible.

During Phase 1:

- Students and staff should adhere to physical distancing protocols even when wearing a face covering.
- Students are asked to refrain from using the weight rooms, gym, or visiting staff housing.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings should be worn by all students, faculty, and staff in all classrooms, chapels, public shared spaces on campus, or in outdoor areas where social distancing cannot be observed. Students are responsible to supply their own masks. Extra masks will be made available if needed.

Face coverings inside living spaces:

Two key terms will be used throughout the semester to help inform students how to safely manage inevitable interactions with others in the dorms. These terms are:

- 1) Family unit - Students who share a room.
- 2) Extended family - Students living in the same dormitory building.

During Phase 1, students should wear masks outside of one's family unit, in all shared spaces, such as lounges, hallways, laundry areas, and bathrooms. After Phase 1, if safety measures are met, students will be allowed to interact with extended family without masks, while still maintaining social distancing when possible.

[Face Coverings: Sabbatical Students](#)

Sabbatical students or any other students who frequently travel off campus should continue wearing face coverings in all classrooms, chapels, public shared spaces on campus, or in outdoor areas where social distancing cannot be observed.

HANDWASHING AND HAND SANITIZER

We encourage the frequent washing of hands and hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the campus. Students are encouraged to carry personal hand sanitizer as well.

INCREASED CLEANING PROTOCOLS

Campus facilities will be cleaned and sanitized on a frequent and regular basis.

HEALTH CHECKS

Students will have their temperature taken before entering morning classes or chapel. If a student has a fever, they will be asked to go immediately to a designated isolation area on campus and the student illness protocol below will be followed.

STUDENT ILLNESS PROTOCOL

If a student is feeling unwell, they are asked NOT to leave their dorm room and to have someone contact the Resident Supervisor on their behalf. A designated staff member will take their temperature.

If the student has potential COVID symptoms, they will be immediately moved to an isolation room and their dorm room will be sanitized. Once in isolation, the student will fill out a health form.

While in isolation, students will be given their phones and will continue to have their health symptoms monitored. Arrangements for COVID testing will be made at this time. If their COVID test is negative their isolation period will end after 7 days and they can return to normal campus activities.

During isolation, students will be permitted to complete work online, if feasible and physically able. Students who are physically unable to complete coursework online will be granted extended deadlines by instructors. Summit's policies on incomplete grades will remain in effect.

COVID POSITIVE STUDENT CASE

During Phase 1, if a student tests positive for COVID-19, they will be required to isolate for 14 days. Students may choose to isolate in our specific, on-campus isolation rooms with assigned bathroom, or they may return home for the duration of their isolation period, provided it is safe and feasible to do so.

For students who remain isolated on campus:

- Meals will be delivered to students in isolation on-campus.

- Student's phone will be returned to them for the duration of isolation, as well as resources to continue study if possible.
- Summit staff will contact/check-in with isolated student frequently.
- Students in isolation will be provided academic accommodations if needed.

In order to return to regular campus activity, the student must:

- Be 10 days from symptom onset
- Be fever-free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication
- Have their symptoms improved

Other individuals that have had close contact with a COVID-positive student, including the student's roommate, may be required to self-isolate and undergo COVID testing.

ACADEMIC CONTINGENCY PLAN

We will have in-person instruction for the spring semester of 2021. The health and safety of our staff, faculty, and student body is of the utmost importance to us. Should federal or state regulations change, or cases of COVID increase in our community, we may implement learning options including online classes or a hybrid combination of virtual/in-person learning models.