



### GET VACCINATED

As the best defense  
against COVID-19.

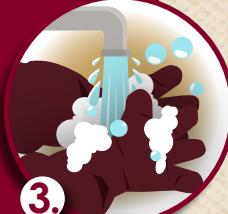
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### MASK AND DISTANCE

If you are not vaccinated.

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### WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Cover your coughs and  
sneezes. Don't touch  
your face.

3.



### CLEAN AND SANITIZE

Keep work spaces and  
common areas clean.

4.



### MONITOR YOUR HEALTH EVERY DAY

If you have symptoms,  
go home or self-isolate  
and call a healthcare  
professional.

5.



### HAVE QUESTIONS REACH OUT

Call Health Services  
at AultmanNow  
330.636.8680.

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### WU MATTERS WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Be kind and do your part!

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WALSH UNIVERSITY

# GUIDE TO RETURNING TO CAMPUS

August, 2021

*Guided by*  
**The Seven to  
Remember!**



*Celebrating 60 Years*

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# Return to Campus – Fall 2021

We are excited to begin a new academic year at Walsh University! Our highest priority is to provide an engaging academic and student life experience while continuing to be ever mindful of the health and wellness of our campus community.

We will continue to monitor and assess the guidance provided by the federal, state and local health authorities. As conditions involving the pandemic change, we are fully prepared to adjust our response plans to any new circumstances that may arise. Visit [Campus Updates](#) to review new information and updates as they become available. In addition, we will continue to track active cases on campus through our [COVID-19 Condition and Case Dashboard](#).

For additional information on campus COVID-19 guidelines for the Fall 2021 – Return to Campus, click on the links listed under “Helpful Resources.”

## The Seven to Remember

We are continuing to implement our Walsh Seven to Remember and calling upon CAV Nation to continue doing your part with contributing to the health and wellness of our campus community!

## Get Vaccinated

Walsh University is not requiring students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated for COVID-19. We encourage members of CAV Nation to seek guidance from your healthcare provider and, if you are able, consider getting vaccinated before we return for the fall to ensure a safe, active, and in-person campus environment. Getting fully vaccinated remains the best defense against COVID-19. COVID-19 is still very much present and data shows that those who are not vaccinated are at a greater risk of being impacted by the virus. We will be working with our local health department to schedule a vaccination clinic this fall. More details forthcoming.

### **Voluntary Vaccination Form**

We anticipate a government request for the percentage of our campus populations who have been vaccinated. In order to have this on file, we are asking members of CAV Nation who have been fully vaccinated to let us know via this short and voluntary online form. Please complete the [Voluntary Vaccination Form](#) so that we can plan for the year.

## Mask and Distance

Masking up has been a common practice throughout Asia as an effective way to prevent the spread of viruses and other contagions. At Walsh University, anyone may wear a mask at any time at their discretion.

While on campus, vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask or physically distance.

While on campus, non-vaccinated individuals are responsible to exercise caution and remain diligent to distance themselves and wear a mask when around others.

For smaller spaces on campus with meetings or academic classes, the team leader or faculty member may be aware of an individual participant that has a health concern (such as the care of an elderly parent or a sibling with a medical condition); hence, if asked to “mask up” by the team leader or the faculty member for these situations, the Walsh University community will please respond charitably even if you are vaccinated for the sake of the common good and wear a mask while respecting the medical privacy concerns of others in our community.

## **Wash Your Hands Frequently**

Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to avoid becoming ill and preventing the spread of germs. Whether you are at home, at work, traveling, or out in the community, it's important to contribute with this very simple step!

## **Clean and Sanitize**

The Facilities staff will continue to work with each department head/manager to maintain clean and properly sanitized spaces on campus. The emphasis has been on creating distance and increasing ability to disinfect. Plexiglass barriers will remain installed in some high traffic areas, and hand sanitizer and disinfectant will continue to remain available on campus.

## **Monitor Your Health Every Day**

It's important for all members of our campus community to monitor your daily health and if feeling unwell, remain home and contact your healthcare provider. If you experience COVID-19 symptoms, return home, self-isolate, seek medical guidance and immediately notify the university. Walsh University is committed to protecting the health and wellness of our entire campus community.

### **Reporting and Response Protocols**

This Walsh University COVID-19 Community Health Response Team and Human Resources will be responsible for managing COVID-19 related cases. For additional information on how to report university COVID-19 response protocols and quarantine/isolation guidelines [CLICK HERE.](#)

### **COVID-19 Testing**

A limited number of COVID-19 rapid tests are available to symptomatic members of CAV Nation through AultmanNOW Health Services at Washington Square. No appointment is necessary. Walk-in with a valid Walsh ID. Testing is left to the discretion of the treating medical professionals.

### **Quarantine/Isolation Guidelines**

Consistent with our guidelines from spring, if you test positive for COVID-19, you will be directed to return home for the quarantine/isolation period. This protocol also applies for those who will need to be quarantined. Vaccinated persons who are identified as being within a contact tracing circle of a COVID-19 positive person will not be required to quarantine. Proof of vaccination will be required so it is important to have a copy of your vaccination card. Non-vaccinated persons will be required to quarantine if they are identified within a contact tracing circle of a COVID-19 positive person.

### **Have Questions? Reach Out.**

Because of the ever changing nature of the pandemic, we recognize that questions may arise regarding campus conditions, changing health guidance and our response plan. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to outreach to us:

#### **Walsh Parents/Families/Students:**

Dr. Michael Dunphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs | [mdunphy@walsh.edu](mailto:mdunphy@walsh.edu) | 330-490-7201

Bryan Badar, Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students | [bbadar@walsh.edu](mailto:bbadar@walsh.edu) | 330-490-7301

#### **Walsh University Employees:**

Laurel Lusk, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs/CFO | [llusk@walsh.edu](mailto:llusk@walsh.edu) | 330-244-4762

#### **Media Inquiries:**

Teresa Fox, Vice-President of Marketing | [tfox@walsh.edu](mailto:tfox@walsh.edu) | 330-490-7503

#### **Walsh University Health Services**

AultmanNow (Washington Square) | (330) 363-8680

Monday: Friday 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

### **WU Matters. We Are All in This Together**

Taking the necessary steps to reduce the risk and spread of COVID-19 is the shared responsibility of every member of our community. As we begin this new academic year, we're calling upon all members of the CAV Nation family to continue doing your part with being kind, patient and flexible. We thank you in advance for taking care of your fellow Cavaliers!

## Academics

We are planning to return to full face-to-face learning as our default mode of instruction. We will use hybrid and remote learning as needed on a case-by-case basis to mitigate risk. Deans, Division Chairs and Program Directors will need to approve such changes through the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Classrooms have been returned to pre-COVID configurations. Plexiglass barriers will remain in high traffic areas and in some labs. Although we are not currently mandating face coverings, we recommend that everyone has one with them in case it is needed. Distancing is always an option if deemed necessary.

As we move into the fall and forward, we will be carefully monitoring local, state and federal guidelines for COVID-related actions. Vaccinations are not mandatory on campus, but they may be mandatory for certain clinical majors (Education, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, etc.) due to regulations at the clinical or teaching site. Students in these programs will be required to follow such guidelines or they will not be able to complete their required clinical or student teaching courses.

## Athletics

The guiding principles under which Walsh Athletics will continue will be based on health and safety best practices; federal, state, and local laws; Walsh University Policy; and NCAA requirements and rulings.

Student-athletes will receive specific guidance regarding NCAA COVID safety protocols at a later time. Please continue to monitor your emails for communications regarding NCAA safety guidance and the Walsh University protocols.

For questions, please contact your head coach or Jason Fautas, Senior Associate Athletic Director: [jfautas@walsh.edu](mailto:jfautas@walsh.edu) | 330.490.7437

## Campus Life

Campus Life activities will return with a continued emphasis on prioritizing the health and wellness of our campus community. All campus life events will follow our Seven to Remember guidelines and be available in both in-person and virtual formats.

## Campus Life Support Services

Remember that we are here to support you! [CLICK HERE](#) for additional Campus Life support services that are available to you.

## CAV Nation Campus Events Guidelines

- We will offer opportunities for campus events and programs in both in-person and virtual formats. In-person campus events will adhere to the health guidelines as outlined by Walsh University.
- All University-sponsored events are directed to follow our “Seven to Remember”.
- Build in time to clean the facility after the close of the event. This includes disinfecting seating and tables for the next group to utilize the space.
- Provide information for participants to be aware of expectations while attending the gathering/event.

## Student Organization Meeting/Program Guidelines

Student clubs and organizations will have the opportunity to meet both in-person and virtually.

- Encourage and train student leaders on how to observe health and safety standards.
- Work with the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Campus and Community Programs to determine appropriate space needs for student organization meetings and events.
- Hold meetings virtually when appropriate.

## Informal Gatherings

Walsh University is committed to encouraging safe and responsible socializing and engagement both on and off campus. Students are expected to adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidelines as outlined by the university.

- Students who intentionally place themselves in situations that increase the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 will be referred to the Student Conduct & Community Standards office. This includes participating in events that do not adhere to university guidelines.

## Dining Services

Dining Services continues to prioritize the health and safety of our employees, clients, student, faculty and staff. Sodexo will reinforce guidelines of food safety, personal hygiene and infection control which, like always, will minimize any risk of any virus spreading. This is critical to ensuring all employees are following proper procedures to minimize any risks to the Walsh Community.

### **Staffing and Consumer Good Shortages**

Due to the current challenges faced nationally involving shortages in staffing and consumer goods, we ask all of CAV Nation for your continued patience and flexibility in all of our dining areas.

## Residence Life

Welcome back to your home away from home at Walsh University! As we embark on a new academic year, we are committed to providing our students with an engaging residential life experience while continuing our efforts to promote the health and wellness of our community. We will continue to monitor and assess federal, state and local guidelines and are prepared to make adjustments to our response plans as new circumstances may arise.

We ask for the continued support of our residential students with following our Walsh Seven to Remember and doing your part to take care of your residence hall community. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in a referral to the Student Conduct and Community Standards Office.

## General Residence Hall Guidelines

We are taking the necessary precautions to reduce risk for spread and ensure the residence hall environment is as safe as possible. These include the following:

- **Residence Hall Guests:**
  - **Resident students:** Residents are permitted to move within all residence hall neighborhoods and are required to be registered through Residence Life.
  - **Commuter students:** Commuters must be a registered guests of a residential student and follow all residence hall/university policies including *Quiet, Courtesy, and Privacy Hours*.
  - **Non-Walsh Guests:** A Non-Walsh guest is defined as any individual who is not a current residential or commuter student of Walsh University. At this time, non-Walsh guest visitation is restricted to faculty/staff, special guests/recruits, and campus vendors who are approved by the Residence Life office.
- **Room Capacity:** For each room type, the capacity has been set as double the total number of occupants of that room type. For example, if a person lives in Seanor Hall, because their housing assignment is double occupancy (2 students), the occupants would be permitted to have up to two additional in their room at the same time.
- **Residence Hall Furniture:** Furniture inside rooms will be configured based upon health and wellness guidelines. Students may bring outside furniture – but it must be approved by the Residence Life office. Bunking will not be permitted, and all furniture will be set at six feet distance from the second set of furniture in the space. Special housing accommodations will be allowed where possible for those with pre-existing conditions.
- **Common Areas and Computer Labs:** Common areas, lounges and computer labs have been returned to their normal set-up.
- **Laundry Facilities:** Residential Laundry will be available by sign up only. Students will use the online laundry time slot sign-up system ([signup.com](http://signup.com)) for their building to access the facilities.
- **Cleaning and Sanitation Supplies:** Supplies for sanitizing will be available to be checked out from each hall duty office. Residents are expected to return the supplies to the office after use.

## Residence Hall Neighborhoods

Each residence hall is considered its own “neighborhood community”:

- Seanor Hall
- Menard Hall/Betzler Towers
- Wilkof Towers
- Olivieri Towers
- Lemmon Hall/Commons
- University Apartments (Brauchler, Meier, Stein Hall)

Residential students are permitted to visit other residential students in any neighborhood community, provided they are registered guests (ex. A resident in Seanor visiting a resident who lives in Wilkof Towers will need to register).

## Residential Family Groups

Furthermore, all housing assignments (singles, doubles, suites, and apartments) have been designated as “residential family group”.

- We highly encourage your *housing assignment family group* to continue to follow the Walsh University Seven to Remember. It’s important to develop a plan with your residential family group as it relates to cleanliness, face covering usage and physical distancing while in your shared space.
- All residential family groups will be required to develop a cleaning schedule as part of the completion of the Roommate/Suitemate Agreement Form.

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# **Quarantine/Isolation Residences**

Walsh University continues to follow guidance from the CDC and Stark County Health Department as it relates to quarantine and isolation protocols.

## **Quarantine Protocol**

The term “quarantine,” as defined by the CDC, is used in reference to the separation and restriction of the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. Thus, in the case of COVID-19, quarantine will be required for those who have been in close contact (6-feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) two days before illness onset or, for asymptomatic individuals, two days prior to the date on which they received their test for COVID-19.

If a campus community member is identified in this way, they will be directed to 1) return home to complete the quarantine or, 2) if they cannot return home seek approval from the Dean of Students to be assigned to a university residence or designated local hotel reserved specifically for quarantine cases. Academic and Student Life support services staff will work to ensure meals are delivered to those students and support continued learning.

# **Cleaning and Safety Protocols**

## **General Cleaning information**

The Facilities staff will continue to concentrate on cleaning and sanitizing public spaces, common areas, restrooms and building entrances. The goal is to ensure these areas are consistently sanitized throughout the day.

## **Hand Sanitizer Stations**

Additional hand sanitizer stations have been added throughout campus at building, classroom, and lab entrances.

## **Personal Workspace**

Cleaning supply stations are available in common areas within each division/department to self-sanitize your space. Please return spray bottles to the common area after using so they will be available for everyone.

Facilities staff will provide general cleaning throughout the buildings during the day and early morning hours when the offices are closed. They **will not** be cleaning individual offices on a routine basis. Reducing access to offices for cleaning purposes is designed as a safety measure for all faculty and staff members

- Please leave trashcans outside the office door to be emptied nightly.
- If for some reason you need to have your office cleaned, please use the work order system. [Click Here for a Maintenance Request](#)
- All items on the desk surface need to be put away. If they are left out, the cleaning staff will clean around them. They will not move them.

## Classrooms

Cleaning supply stations will be in all classrooms and laboratories for students and faculty to self-sanitize the work surface after each class.

At the end of the day, the cleaning staff will clean and disinfect high touch areas in classrooms.

## Computer Labs

Each lab will have hand sanitizer stations for users to disinfect their hands before using the computers and printers.

Spray bottles of disinfectant and paper products are available in each lab for students and faculty to self-sanitize the work surface after each use.

## Common Areas and Conference Rooms

- **Restrooms, entrance ways, dining areas and cafes** will continue to be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.
- **Conference Rooms** - Conference rooms will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of the day by cleaning staff. Everyone using the conference rooms will be responsible for disinfecting high touch areas after each use. Use the provided spray-disinfectant to clean: Tables, Armrests, Doorknobs, Podiums, Other common touch points in the room

## Travel Guidelines

Walsh University is continuing to monitor travel guidance provided by federal, state and local health authorities. For travel guidance provided by the CDC, [Click Here](#).

- **University-Sponsored International Travel:** international travel is paused through June 30, 2022 with the exception of travel programs approved by Walsh University.
- **University-Sponsored Domestic Travel:** domestic-travel must be approved by the supervising Vice President.

- **Personal Travel:** Any Walsh University employee or student conducting personal travel is reminded to follow federal and state guidance, continue to protect yourself and each other with our Seven to Remember, self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and seek medical attention, if needed, including COVID-19 testing, as recommended by your health care provider.

## International Student Arrival

Walsh will be following CDC guidelines and directing students who are returning to the United States from abroad to complete the following:

1. All air passengers coming to the US, including US Citizens and fully vaccinated people, are required to have a negative COVID-19 result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.
2. During travel, take extra precautions and [Know How to Protect Yourself and Others.](#)
3. Upon arrival, unvaccinated students will be required to get tested\* within 3-5 days, remain quarantined until you receive a negative test result and have been cleared by the university to engage in academic and extracurricular activities.

\*Important Note: Walsh University will provide returning international students with a rapid COVID-19 test at no-cost through our Health Services (AultmanNOW). Once you confirm your arrival date with the Director of International Student Services, she will work with you to schedule your rapid test appointment.

For questions or additional information, please contact Kristi Campbell, Director of International Student Services at [kcampbell1@walsh.edu](mailto:kcampbell1@walsh.edu) or (330) 490-7105.