



Update from the Vice Provost for Student Affairs

LEADING IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Dear Students, Families, and Faculty and Gonzaga Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide another update regarding Gonzaga's efforts to promote a campus environment this fall conducive to teaching, learning and development, and supportive of your health and welfare in the face of this COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, we have asked everyone at GU to observe protocols and plans to decrease the spread of COVID-19. Thank you again for the understanding, support, and commitment you have shown this semester. We are very grateful.

In this week's newsletter, we are pleased to share testing information, updates about isolation and quarantine, and other news.

For additional information, including data regarding testing and COVID-19 positive (someone who has tested positive for the virus) cases, please visit www.gonzaga.edu/zagon. The number of positive cases is updated on our COVID-19 Dashboard at 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, and testing data are updated every Monday by 5:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact our COVID-19 hotline at (509) 313-7070.

Zag Up and Zag On,

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Vice Provost for Student Affairs



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TESTING FOR COVID-19

Covid-19 testing numbers for the week of October 12-16, 2020 are listed below. For cumulative totals, please refer to the dashboard at www.gonzaga.edu/zagon. Testing options/locations will remain the same for the coming week -- surveillance testing is offered on Tuesday and Wednesday in Tilford 109 from 8:00am-5:00pm, walk-in testing is offering Monday through Friday in the 729 E. Boone House from 8:00am-1:00pm (changes in hours may be posted in Morning Mail), and "Signs-Symptoms-Exposure" testing by appointment is available through the Health and Counseling Services. Soon we will begin antigen testing consistent with NCAA and WCC expectations for student athletes who need tests performed on a daily basis. The antigen test allows for faster results and is a less costly option. Evaluation of antigen test usage for other student populations is being reviewed in consultation with the Spokane Regional Health District.

- Athletics: 223
- Nursing: 7
- Surveillance (on-campus): 236
- Health Center (signs, symptoms, exposure): 60
- Walk-in clinic: 206

Total: 732

UPCOMING CHANGES & ADJUSTMENTS

Here are additional resources and updates that have been created to support our students:

OUTDOOR COMMONS

We know students miss so many of the normal opportunities to socialize and create community on campus. Therefore, we are opening two "outdoor commons" spaces that will be outfitted and programmed as a fun and safe places for Zags to hang out and connect with each other. Staff in Plant Services, GUEST, and Student Involvement & Leadership are working together to make this possible. Some of the features of these spaces are patio/bistro lights, outdoor fireplace, Adirondack chairs, soft patio seating, outdoor rugs, outdoor TV cubes, tenting, and signage. Additional features are also being explored. An official patio launch, coffeehouse, and election night returns are a few of the event planned in these spaces.



FLU SHOTS FOR STUDENTS

Below is the schedule for the month of October for the Express Flu Shot Clinic at 704 E Sharp Ave (corner of Sharp and Dakota). The fee is \$5.00 and can be paid through Student Account, Bulldog Bucks or Credit/Debit card. Since this is a walk-in clinic open to all students, no appointment is necessary.

- October 22, 2020: 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:30pm – 4:00pm
- October 23, 2020: 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:30pm – 4:00pm
- October 29, 2020: 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:30pm – 4:00pm
- October 30, 2020: 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:30pm – 4:00pm

HRL SURVEY REMINDER

As a reminder to all students living on campus this fall, we are working on finalizing housing plans for Thanksgiving break through the end of the fall semester, and we need to know if you intend to return to your home for Thanksgiving or if you are planning to remain on campus. Please take a few minutes to respond to the Housing & Residence Life survey located in your zagliving portal (<https://zagliving.gonzaga.edu>).

The deadline to notify us of your end of semester plans is fast approaching – **October 25, 2020**. Your decision determines your eligibility for a three-week housing credit that would be applied to your spring semester bill.



ISOLATION & QUARANTINE - ONLINE CUSTOMIZED MEAL PROGRAM

Students, we heard your feedback and have developed a new meal program that allows for the selection of customized options while in GU's isolation or quarantine housing. A QR code providing access to a full menu of options. Students are asked to complete this form the day they enter isolation or quarantine and then again for the next week by 2:00pm on Saturday. If no choices are selected, ZagDining and our on-campus dietitian will choose a menu that is nutritionally balanced.

Questions or concerns about meal options should be directed to Zag Dining at ZagIQmeals@sodexo.com or (509) 217-4570.

ISOLATION & QUARANTINE - WEEK RECAP (10/12 - 10/18)

Quarantine

- Seven (7) students moved to quarantine residences
- Seven (7) students directed to quarantine-in-place
- Nine (9) students released from quarantine residences
- Six (6) students released from quarantine-in-place status

Isolation

- Five (5) students with positive test results moved to isolation residence
- Eleven (11) students released after completing full isolation period
- Seven (7) symptomatic students released from isolation (tested negative)



ELECTION 2020

Check out all the information included in Gonzaga's website on voting and the November election <https://www.gonzaga.edu/gonzaga-votes>. Some events on the schedule include:

- **Ignatian Family Public Witness program** on October 26, 2020 from 12:00-12:30pm. At this event, Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice participants will gather with the Ignatian Solidarity Network for prayer, music, and speakers calling us to action for more humane migration, ecology, and criminal justice policies.
- **Bike to the Ballot** will be held on October 27, 2020. This event highlights the connection between care for the planet and the importance of voting. Participants will meet at the Office of Sustainability (521 E. Sharp Avenue) at 3:30pm on October 27, 2020 and bike to the County Courthouse where Washington residents can drop their ballot into a Spokane County Elections box and out of state residents can mail their ballot at a USPS box across the street.
- **Purple America Viewing and Dialogue** is planned for October 28, 2020. Purple America Viewing and Dialogue is a Coughlin Social Justice Peer Educator supported program open to all students.
- **DACA: Where We are Now & What Lies Ahead** will be held on November 2, 2020 from 5:30-7:00pm. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.
- **LGBTQ+ Law Panel** will be held on November 6, 2020, from 5:30-7 pm. The U.S. Supreme Court's historic decision in *Bostock v Clayton County* leaves the legal community with many open questions. At this program, Law School & Political Science professors will discuss what this could mean for the future.
- **Election 2020 Analysis: A Virtual Event with Political Science Faculty** will be held on November 12, 2020 from 4:00-5:00 pm. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.