



Greetings from the University of Saint Joseph

We are ready to welcome back students for the fall semester and want to be sure that you are up-to-date on all the latest campus news. You are welcome to [contact us](#) with questions.

We are excited to start the fall semester, and are confident in our ability to safely educate and house students on campus. This is due in large part to the distinct qualities that USJ has compared to other institutions, such as our small class sizes, self-contained campus, and the fact that the vast majority of USJ's students are from Connecticut or live within 100 miles of campus. Additionally, faculty and staff have worked diligently over the summer to develop plans, policies, and protocols for the health, safety, and well-being of the USJ community.

All around campus are reminders about the ways that everyone can contribute to protecting the health of the entire community. The [COVID-19 Concerns Form](#) is for any member of the USJ community to use to share a concern, even if it as small as that a hand sanitizer station is empty.

While a student's day-to-day experience will mostly be the same if they are taking in-person classes, there are some COVID-19 safety-related changes on campus that families should know:

- All students must provide a negative PCR Diagnostic COVID-19 test result, UNLESS they are a Connecticut resident and they commute from their in-state residence to campus to take class. The test must be administered preferably 72 hours, but no earlier than 14 days, in advance of arriving on campus. Please remind your student to bring a paper copy of the test result on the first day of class and to send the test result to Student Health Services (SHS) SHSNurse@usj.edu or by fax to 860.231.6794. Because we are tracking this information, USJ's Health Services staff may ask students to document their results upon arrival on campus.
- Each day, students attending in-person classes will be required to complete the online daily health assessment in order to access USJ Wi-Fi. Everyone must comply with the [USJ Fall 2020 Face-Covering/Mask Policy](#).
- Students using the McGovern Dining Hall and the Jay's Nest will follow new guidelines and processes. Watch this [video](#) to see how it will work.
- Study spaces are available across campus, and while most continue to be on a first-come, first-served basis, we now have some spaces that require reservations. Check out the options [here](#).

Resource and service offices, such as the Pope Pius XII Library, Academic Advising, the Career Development Center, the Bursar, the Registrar, Student Health Services, the Counseling and Wellness Center, and Student Financial Services, are all working on a regular schedule and may have a new process for visitors; students should call or email in advance as many offices now require appointments to ensure safe distancing. Updated information on office hours can also be found on MyUSJ or the [Reopen USJ](#) page.

News from the Career Development Center

USJ is excited to announce its partnership with Handshake, an employment and internship platform. Students will be able to easily access a wealth of career opportunities on Handshake. The USJ Career Center is also planning a virtual alumni panel this fall and an “Employer of the Month” online program, as well as a virtual Nursing Career Fair. All of these programs will connect students with local and national employers. The Career Center is available to meet with students anytime to help them explore different career options. They also can assist students with crafting resumes and cover letters, as well as learning how to network through LinkedIn. Please encourage your student to discover all that the Career Center has to offer by emailing us at careercenter@usj.edu.

News from USJ Athletics

All new and returning student-athletes must complete their medical paperwork with the Sports Medicine staff prior to being cleared for any coach-supervised athletic activity including practice, strength and conditioning, etc. Instructions and paperwork can be found on the Sports Medicine page on the USJ Athletics website www.usjbluejays.com or by clicking [here](#). If you or your student have any questions, please contact Head Athletic Trainer Megan Bosworth at mbosworth@usj.edu.

O’Connell Athletic Center – More information is available on the Reopen USJ webpage

Use of the USJ Athletic Complex will be limited to current USJ students, faculty, and staff ONLY. Guests and outside members will not be permitted entry, and facility users must wear a mask at all times. Locker rooms will also be unavailable. Facility users will have to make online reservations in advance for the use of facilities and entry to the O’Connell Center. Each area of the athletic complex will require a separate reservation, including: Weight Room; Pool (when open); Gym; and the Turf Field. There will be contactless entry for access through the O’Connell Center door. Students must bring their USJ ID card for tap entry into the building.

News from USJ Public Safety

During the pandemic, Public Safety remains committed to providing services to students and employees while mitigating the risks to the community it serves.

While there are no significant changes to our operations, they encourage handling minor calls by phone and/or making attempts to provide service in outdoor environments.

- Public Safety Service Line (860) 231-5222 [monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week]
- Anonymous Tip Line (860) 231-5742
- ALL EMERGENCIES 911