

Office of the President



Dear USJ students, faculty, and staff,

With the health and safety of our community in mind, and in response to guidance from the CT Department of Public Health, here are some reminders and updates related to the start of the Spring 2021 semester. Together, we can continue to do everything possible to avoid exposing ourselves and others to COVID-19.

- **Undergraduate residential students** will return to campus on January 24.* The Office of Residential Life will send detailed information about pre-arrival testing and move-in. Any students moving onto campus this semester will have to spend seven days in quarantine on campus with access only to their Residence Hall and to McGovern Hall to pick up meals from the Dining Hall. Residential students will participate in classes remotely until February 1 at which time they may resume normal activities on campus assuming they have completed seven days in quarantine and their COVID tests are negative. (There will be no athletic team practices until February 8.) During this time all student services will be provided virtually. Students enrolled in NURS 219 and NURS 323 will receive instruction about special on-campus skills lab education sessions. Nursing students with any questions should contact Dr. Janet Knecht (jknecht@usj.edu). All students, undergraduate and graduate, in clinical/practicum/student teaching placements for the spring semester should plan to attend those experiences as scheduled and as directed by their departmental faculty. Students in quarantine should contact their faculty member to inform them of that situation.
- **Undergraduate commuting students** will participate in classes remotely until February 8 and may not visit campus until that date. During this time all student services will be provided virtually. (There will be no athletic team practices until February 8.) Commuter students are advised to get a COVID test before coming to campus. Students enrolled in NURS 219 and NUR 323 will receive instruction about special on campus skills lab education sessions. Nursing students with any questions should contact Dr. Janet Knecht (jknecht@usj.edu). All students, undergraduate and graduate, in clinical/practicum/student teaching placements for the spring semester should plan to attend those experiences as scheduled and as directed by their departmental faculty. Students in quarantine should contact their faculty member to inform them of that situation.
- **Undergraduate classes** will generally meet using a HyFlex model after February 8, allowing students to attend in-person or remotely. Students in classes with required in-person attendance will be informed by their faculty members. All students, undergraduate and graduate, in clinical/practicum/student teaching placements for the spring semester should plan to attend those experiences as scheduled and as directed by their departmental faculty. Students in quarantine should contact their faculty member to inform them of that situation.
- **School of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Studies** classes will operate as originally scheduled. All students in clinical placements for the spring semester should plan to attend those experiences as scheduled and as directed by their departmental administrators. Students in quarantine should contact their program administrators to inform them of that situation.

- **Graduate classes in the School of Interdisciplinary Health and Science and the School of Arts, Sciences, Business and Education** will generally meet remotely or online (for courses originally scheduled online) until further notice. Students in nursing graduate labs scheduled for 1/27, 1/28, and 1/30 will receive instruction about sessions on those dates and must submit results of a negative PCR test taken after January 20 to Student Health Services (SHSNurse@usj.edu or by fax to 860.231.6794). Nursing students with any questions should contact Dr. Janet Knecht (jknecht@usj.edu). All students, undergraduate and graduate, in clinical/practicum/student teaching placements for the spring semester should plan to attend those experiences as scheduled and as directed by their departmental faculty. Students in quarantine should contact their faculty member to inform them of that situation.

* When in-state residential students return to campus they are required to quarantine on campus for seven days and arrive with a negative COVID test (PCR) administered within seven days of arrival. Out-of-state residential students are required to quarantine on campus for seven days and arrive with a negative COVID test (PCR) administered within 72 hours of arrival (or within seven days if the student has proof of having been in Connecticut for at least ten days). Residential students must bring a paper copy of the test result and send the test result to Student Health Services (SHSNurse@usj.edu or by fax to 860.231.6794).

Student workers may begin on-campus employment on February 1 if they reside on campus (and have negative COVID tests) and on February 8 if they commute. Student workers should check with their supervisor to determine if they may begin working remotely prior to February 1.

Graduate Assistants may begin on-campus employment on February 8. GAs should check with their supervisor to determine if they may begin working remotely prior to February 8.

Thank you for all that you have done and are continuing to do to make the University of Saint Joseph a safe environment.

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