

PARENT COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATE_July 21

Parents -

We are just over a month away from the start of the Fall 2020 semester! We continue to be hard at work preparing for the safe return of students to campus for what will be a unique but very rewarding, productive and fun semester.

On Friday afternoon Lipscomb President Randy Lowry emailed students and parents regarding the latest news and updates regarding the Return to Campus plan. For full details visit the [Return to Campus](#) website. Below are three items that I would like to highlight from Friday's email.

RESIDENCE LIFE MOVE-IN DATES

It's never too early to begin planning to move-in the residence halls. Here are a few important dates to remember.

- **New Students REVISED Move-in Dates.** To allow for proper physical distancing, move-in for new students is scheduled over three days: August 17-19. New residential students recently received an email to their Lipscomb email address with specific move-in day instructions and information.
- **Returning Students Move-in Dates.** Returning students are scheduled to move in over three days: August 21-23. Returning students recently received an email to their Lipscomb email address with specific move-in day instructions and information.

Find move-in day tips, a packing list and more information visit the [Residence Life](#) webpage. For questions related to housing and residence life, email Laurie Sain, dean of housing and residence life, at laurie.sain@lipscomb.edu.

STUDENT SELF-ISOLATION PLANS

After being confined all spring, none of us is looking forward to more isolation. But we know that there will be times when a period of isolation is the best advice from the CDC, the State of Tennessee guidance and other medical experts. In those cases when isolation is in the best interest of the health and wellbeing of our entire community, we will expect students and employees to comply. It is in these situations that isolation is a key strategy to isolate those who test positive with COVID-19 or those who have had direct contact with a positive COVID-19 case in order to keep other members of the community healthy. Students who are in a period of self-isolation will be contacted by a team member from the Office of Student Wellbeing to assist the student during the isolation period.

Each on-campus resident needs to have a plan for self-isolation to use if it is determined that it is needed: Where would you go? If you have not already done so, please let the Office of Housing & Residence Life know your isolation plans. **All students are encouraged and expected to go home for the isolation period, or to the home of a friend or relative.** Lipscomb will have only a limited number of on-campus isolation options for students who cannot return home due to extreme circumstances. It is important to know that students who request isolation on campus will be reassigned to an isolation room and will be restricted to their assigned isolation room for the full self-isolation period recommended by the CDC (i.e., typically

14 days). Students in on-campus isolation who are feeling “well” and showing no symptoms will be offered limited daily hours for outside access or exercise opportunities. ***Space for self-isolation on campus is limited and not guaranteed.***

It is important to note that the institution is not a medical facility nor equipped to be able to respond to ongoing, acute care medical needs. As such, students with more extensive medical needs will need to return home for self-isolation or seek medical attention at a hospital or other medical facility.

We encounter similar situations many times a semester when a student becomes sick or needs medical attention in the middle of a semester and can't remain within the community. In most of these cases, students typically go home or to an appropriate other location (friend's or family member's home) to recover and recuperate. Learn more on the [Return to Campus](#) website.

BISONS STUDENT CARE PLAN

The Bisons Student Care Plan will activate if a student needs to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 and will be administered by the student care coordinator in the Office of Student Wellbeing. The student care coordinator will contact each student who is in self-isolation to determine the level of services desired and needed. Basic services provided will include regular check-ins with students in isolation, assisting with student needs during isolation, and continued access to medical and mental health professionals. Find more about the Bisons Student Care Plan on the [Return to Campus](#) website.

Web Resources

For more detailed information, please visit the [Return to Campus](#) website or email questions to COVIDquestions@lipscomb.edu.

I hope this information is helpful to you as you and your student prepare for an exciting fall semester!

Sincerely,
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