

## PARENT COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATE\_June 30

Parents -

Summer is well underway and we hope you and your family are healthy and well.

Two weeks ago, you received an email from Lipscomb President Randy Lowry as he shared the **Bisons Return to Campus** plan that includes details about a number of aspects of campus life, health protocols, calendars and other plans for the return of on-campus instruction this fall. Over the next few weeks until classes resume on August 24 we will be sending you updates with information of particular interest to parents to highlight some of the important information from that plan and to share updates with you.

This week, we have two important items to highlight that were shared with your student in an email from **AI Sturgeon**, vice president of student life and dean of students, on Monday.

### FALL SEMESTER ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The fall calendar is the same as originally published with fall classes beginning August 24 and the last day of finals on December 16. We anticipate and are committed to providing a full semester of academic coursework so your student can continue their academic career path.

Here are some specific dates and other information about the fall semester that may be helpful.

- **On-Campus Classes.** Undergraduate programs and most graduate programs will begin on-campus classes for the fall semester on August 24. A few graduate programs, such as pharmacy, will begin on campus fall classes on August 17, with new student orientations on August 12 and 14.
- **New Student Move-in Dates.** To allow for proper physical distancing, move-in for new students is scheduled over three days this year—August 14-16. Stay tuned for more details from Housing and Residence Life about other information regarding dorm move in for returning students.
- **Returning Student Move-in Dates.** Move-in for returning students is scheduled over three days this year—August 21-23.
- **New Student Orientation.** New undergraduate students will have New Student Orientation and Quest Week August 17-23.
- **Remote Option After Thanksgiving.** The fall semester will continue with on-campus classes until Thanksgiving break. In an effort to be both mindful of additional travel expenses and individual student health concerns, students will have the option of staying home after Thanksgiving break and completing the last week of classes and finals remotely. For all students, the last class sessions after Thanksgiving break and final exams will occur remotely.
- **Fall Graduation.** Fall graduation is still currently planned for an on-campus event on December 19. We will monitor the regional guidelines to determine if this date and in-person event can be held in the best interest of our community.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

As we prepare for the start of a new academic year, we do so in the midst of an unprecedented time in our world. Our goal is to create a healthy environment for your student this fall. To do that effectively and to protect the health and wellness of everyone in the Lipscomb community, we ask that you and your student partner with us.

A key way your student can partner with us to protect themselves and those around them is by making sure students complete the required immunizations. Students should complete immunizations by early July for optimal health protection BEFORE arrival on campus this fall. Documentation of required immunizations is mandatory PRIOR to your arrival to campus. You can review the required immunizations for the general Lipscomb student population at [www.lipscomb.edu/student-life/health-wellness/health-center](http://www.lipscomb.edu/student-life/health-wellness/health-center). Please note that some programs may have additional requirements, especially within the health sciences programs. Returning students should already have documentation filed with Lipscomb Health Services when they completed those requirements as incoming new students. **However, please note that ALL students are now required to receive the meningococcal vaccine that protects against bacterial meningitis.** This is a new change this summer. If you have questions regarding your immunizations, contact Lipscomb Health Services via email at [healthservices@lipscomb.edu](mailto:healthservices@lipscomb.edu).

### Web Resource

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

*We are excited to welcome students back in the fall!* We are hard at work preparing to welcome our students to campus in less than two months and look forward to serving your student and your family.

Sincerely,  
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