

PARENT COVID COMMUNICATION UPDATE_Aug 18

Parents -

There is an excitement on campus as freshmen began moving into residence halls yesterday! We have been planning and preparing for this moment for months, and are so excited to welcome students to a campus that has been missing them. As you make final preparations with your student for the beginning of the fall semester, I wanted to share important items with you.

Dining Info

Anthony Bates, general manager of Lipscomb Dining Services operated by Sodexo, and his team have been hard at work this summer developing enhanced health and sanitation protocols used in the area of dining services. Sodexo's leadership is committed to not sacrifice food quality or service as they implement service changes to make the dining experience healthy and safe for everyone. Read more about these protocols [here](#). Part of the plan includes the implementation of the Bison Café "to-go" program which will include options for takeout meals from the dining hall to promote social distancing while accommodating high guest counts. Meal "swipes" may be used at satellite food service areas across campus. New "Bisons on the Go" locations and details include:

Hall of Fame "Bisons on the Go"

- Open Sunday to Thursday, 11am – 7pm
- Meal swipes, Dining Dollars, Cash and Credit Card Accepted
- Meal swipe or \$8.50 plus tax
- Meals are served as a package deal, not a la carte
- Menu package choices are
 - Prepackaged hot entrée with sides, dessert, bottled drink, or
 - Prepackaged sandwich or salad, side item, dessert, bottled drink

Nursing & Health Sciences Center "Bisons on the Go"

- Open Monday to Friday 7am – 2pm for coffee, drinks and convenience options
 - Dining Dollars, Cash, and Credit Card Accepted
- "Bison on the Go" lunch service hours 11am – 2pm
 - Meal Swipes, Dining Dollars, Cash and Credit Card Accepted
- Menu package choices are
 - Prepackaged hot entrée with sides, dessert, bottled drink, or
 - Prepackaged sandwich or salad, side item, dessert, bottled drink

Students will still be able to access Bison Café, with a capacity will be reduced by 50%, as well as the food court area in Bennett Campus Center and Au Bon Pain in the Student Activities Center.

Learn more about how Lipscomb Dining Services has prepared for the return of students to campus [in this interview](#) with Bates. For complete information about Lipscomb Dining Services including meal plans and more, visit lipscomb.sodexomyway.com.

Personal Responsibility

Last week Lipscomb President Randy Lowry sent an email to students, parents, faculty and staff reminding them that each member of the Lipscomb community can play a part in creating a successful semester. As we prepare for classes to begin on Monday, we ask for every member of the Bison Herd to be smart and do their part because All Bisons Care. [Click here to review](#) how each one of us can help make the Lipscomb campus safe and healthy for everyone.

COVID-19 Dashboard

To view the latest weekly Lipscomb community COVID-19 statistics visit the [Campus COVID Statistics](#) website.

Health Tip of the Week:

Wash Your Hands. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, handwashing is like a “do-it-yourself” vaccine—it involves five simple and effective steps (think Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry). Take these steps to help protect yourself and others against the spread of germs. If soap and clean running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands.

Wash hands: Before, during, and after preparing food, Before eating food, After using the bathroom, After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom, Before and after caring for someone who is sick, After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, After handling an animal or animal waste, After touching garbage, Before and after treating a cut or wound and More frequently when you or others around you are sick. [Learn more](#) about how clean hands help keep our community healthier.

Web Resources

For more detailed information about the plans for our careful and safe return to campus in August, please visit the [Return to Campus](#) website or email questions to COVIDquestions@lipscomb.edu.

As we continue to welcome students to campus this week and prepare for classes to begin on Monday, I ask that you pray for the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff and that our students' experience is one that is life-changing.

Sincerely,
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