

Wabash.

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Men of Wabash,

Congratulations, again, for the roles all of you played in helping us complete the fall semester. We know it was challenging, but living up to the Gentleman's Rule allowed students to remain in residence and for you to have face-to-face interaction with your professors and classmates. We are confident that Wabash students can rise to the occasion again in the spring semester. We particularly want our seniors to be able to complete their final semester on campus!

We write today to remind you that you need to continue to remain vigilant and always assess your risk for exposure to COVID-19 over the course of the entire winter break. We all want to spend time with family and friends over the holidays, but we must do so safely. By now, you probably know that most cases of COVID-19 occur from exposure to friends and family members in group settings, particularly indoors – not from strangers.

We strongly urge you read the [guidance from the CDC](#) on how to enjoy a safe holiday season.

While it seems like a long way off, it is important that you take note of what you need to do to prepare to return to Wabash in January. We will be in communication with you when your specific return date is finalized. Once you know when you will return, you should start your quasi-quarantine period 10 days prior to coming back to campus. This includes the following steps:

1. Continue to assume that everyone, including friends and family, is infected with the virus.
2. Continue to practice physical distancing of at least six feet at all times.
3. Wear a mask or two-ply face covering when in public.
4. Minimize your contact with people outside of your household.
5. Avoid indoor crowded events, especially ones where masks aren't worn, there is loud talking or singing, and/or alcohol is being served. If you must be indoors, do it for the shortest time possible and make sure the area is well-ventilated.
6. Resume using the COVID Pass symptom monitoring app.
7. Schedule a time to get your pre-arrival COVID-19 test (see below). Do not wait until the last minute – you will not be allowed on campus before the results of your test are known.

Schedule a PCR test for COVID-19 from CVS (Return Ready Program) or another medical provider 5-7 days before you return to campus – we will notify you when the appointment window is open.

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 on or after November 1, you do not need to be re-tested, but you must submit the positive test result to Wabash if it was obtained elsewhere.
- All other students must submit test results to covid19testing@wabash.edu **prior to returning to campus** (CVS tests will automatically be sent to Wabash).

If you receive a positive test, you may not return to campus and must isolate at home for 10 days following your positive test result. You must also be fever-free for 24 hours AND any symptoms you might be experiencing must be improved.

As has been the case since the pandemic took hold in March, please continue to monitor your email and check www.wabash.edu/covid for the most up-to-date information. If you have questions you can't find on the Wabash COVID site prior to returning to campus, please email covid@wabash.edu.

Use this time to rest, relax, and reflect on the challenging, but rewarding fall semester. We look forward to welcoming you home to Wabash in January.

Happy Holidays!

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