**STATEMENT OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

August 3, 2020

Dear Wabash Community and Guests:

As we return to campus this fall, we live in uncertain times. Health and safety are paramount. But none of us can guarantee what shape COVID-19 will take, and none of us – including Wabash College – can guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. When we interact with others – at a grocery, in a restaurant, on the street, or on campus – there is a risk that we may contract COVID-19.

Because any one of us could be infected and could infect others, each of us must do his or her part to minimize this risk. Students must adhere to the [Gentleman’s Compact](https://www.wabash.edu/covid/docs/Gentleman_s_Compact.pdf), which is an application of the Gentleman’s Rule, and faculty and staff must follow Wabash’s [Guidelines for Employees](https://www.wabash.edu/covid/docs/_Guidelines_for_Employees_07-22-20.pdf). All of us, including our guests, must comply with national, state, and local public health requirements and guidance. Presently, these include, among other things:

* Physical distancing – maintain at least six feet of distance from others at all times;
* [Wearing a mask in public](https://www.wabash.edu/covid/docs/Mask_and_Face_Covering_Guidelines.pdf) and when and where physical distancing is not possible;
* Frequent handwashing with soap for at least 20 seconds (using hand sanitizer if soap is not available);
* Using the [Daily Symptom Monitoring App](https://www.wabash.edu/covidpass) each day before coming to campus;
* Not coming to campus unless you receive a green “GO” on the COVID Pass App;
* Isolating and quarantining when required; and
* Participating in testing and in flu and other vaccinations as the College directs.

All of us must remain alert because these requirements may change as public health conditions change. By coming on to campus, you acknowledge the risk of infection and agree to take the public health steps Wabash requires to reduce risk, not just for yourself, but for the safety of others as well.

Even as we take these measures to reduce risk, we understand that COVID-19 will continue to have an impact on how Wabash educates students. While we have taken and will continue to take measures to permit in-person education and a residential experience to the extent possible, some courses will be taught in a hybrid or virtual environment. Because tuition and fees are paid in exchange for learning, academic credit, and various non-academic services that we provide, tuition and fees will not change no matter which teaching methods we use.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and successful semester,

Scott Feller

President