



October 2, 2020

Dear Students,

As of this Sunday, October 4, at 9 a.m, ***The Quarantine Is Lifted, Take 2!***

We have been counting the days -- and we are certain all of you have, too -- until we could make this announcement, bringing to a close a frustrating and challenging two-plus weeks for each of us. As of 9 a.m. on Sunday, the campus will officially reopen. There is one exception: Those students who are currently under strict quarantine or in isolation by order of Stoner Health & Counseling Center or the Health Department are to remain in quarantine/isolation until officially released.

Here's what you need to know about reopening:

Classes: Beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, all classes will return to the modalities and schedules that were in place prior to the quarantine unless you have been informed otherwise by your faculty member. If you have questions, please reach out to your faculty members.

Meals: Dining facilities, including Hoernemann Refectory, Rock Creek Express, Hoernemann Express / Saurwein Power Station, and The HeidelBean! will resume regular operations, beginning with brunch at Hoernemann on Sunday. Dine-in and take-out meals will be available as usual, but no grouping of more than 10 is permitted. Berg Bistro 1850 will offer take-out only for now.

Athletics, athletic and recreational facilities: Athletic and recreational facilities will reopen. It will be expected that everyone follows University protocols while participating in recreation or team-required athletics-related activities. This includes wearing a mask at all times. The one exception is heavy cardiovascular training (preferred outside), when mask-wearing is not possible; however, distancing guidelines should be enforced during these times. Athletics will resume with one week of the Conditioning and Fitness Phase prior to moving into the next three phases as outlined by the NCAA. Your coaches will contact you and let you know dates and times for your restart.

Daily health checks: If we are to successfully complete the rest of this semester without another COVID-19 outbreak on campus, daily health checks for everyone are a must! All students (faculty and staff, too!) are required to complete the daily health self-evaluation form. We will be tracking these forms closely, so please make this a part of your morning routine. It takes less than a minute and it's part of the Heidelberg Pledge of Health and Safety that you signed at the beginning of this semester.

Thermometers: If you responded to the thermometer email, please contact the Stoner Health & Counseling Center at 419-448-2041 to obtain your thermometer.

Mental health: The staff at Stoner Health & Counseling Center staff continues to provide mental health services for students. If you know someone who may need assistance, or if you would benefit, please don't hesitate to reach out by calling 419-448-2041.

Prevention reminders: You must continue to wear your masks, every time, covering your mouth and nose. Mass gatherings, per state order, remain limited to 10 people. There cannot be any group gatherings larger than 10. You must continue to physically distance. Hand washing / sanitizing and general good hygiene are equally important. At all costs, avoid risky environments.

While it was not easy or fun, we made it through this quarantine and shift to remote learning together. All of us will be happy (and relieved!) to get back to our "normal" routines. Whether or not we stay that way is up to each of you and all of us together. Every decision you make could have implications for the health and well-being of others and the semester. We cannot let up. We all must be more vigilant than ever in doing our part. We cannot suffer another mistake like the events that took place a few weekends ago. We know you can do the right things, but if you don't want to, please don't return.

We look forward to the campus coming alive again on Sunday, seeing you out and about, staying safe to stay healthy, observing prevention protocols, and making good decisions. Those are our best weapons against this pandemic which still challenges our community and our country.

Go Berg!

Sincerely,

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