



August 19, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Students and Families,

This is it! The long-awaited start of the 2020-21 academic year is finally within reach, and we couldn't be more excited to see you in person and get rolling. In just a couple of days, many of you will be moving into your residence hall or apartment or new town home. While we can't wait for the campus to come alive again – it's been a long five months – many things will be a lot different. To some, things might even seem a little strange. But the best part is that we're going to be together – one big Heidelberg family, ready to conquer the fall semester, and that's what will make it great.

I wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate what's going to happen when you arrive on campus and give you some additional information that will make the launch of the new semester as comfortable as possible and make your arrival on campus go smoothly.

Where do I go first when I get to campus?

Your first stop will be COVID-19 testing in Seiberling Gymnasium. Please arrive at your scheduled time. Heidelberg staff were tested late last week and on Monday, so we've worked the kinks out of the process. It is streamlined and simple. A staff member will take your temperature and ask you a few questions, then you'll proceed into the gym, where you'll go through a quick registration, including the [consent form](#) which you can complete in advance and the [Heidelberg Pledge of Health & Safety](#). After those preliminary steps are completed, medical professionals from Tiffin Health Mercy Hospital will conduct your test. It typically takes less than a minute. You'll check out, receive your complimentary Heidelberg neck gaiter, and move on to Check-in / Move-in.

Will there be parking close by?

Yes. We are asking all families to park in lot F or G, on Rebecca Street. For those of you new to campus, it's a very short walk across the street to Seiberling Gymnasium.

What happens after I complete my test?

You'll head directly to Saurwein Health & Wellness Center for the Check-in / Move-in process. When you complete the check-in process, you'll receive your key and a move-in time. At your assigned time you can then head to your new 'Berg residence and move your belongings in at that time. We ask that only one helper at a time assist you with move-in so

that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing. A couple of reminders: facial coverings will be required to be worn throughout this process for everyone coming to campus. We are also asking everyone who will be coming to campus with you to take their temperature that morning. Anyone who has a temperature of 100.4 fahrenheit or higher degrees should not come to campus. Please also make a personal assessment for COVID-19 symptoms: chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, or sore throat. If you are not feeling well or have multiple symptoms, please do not come to campus. We understand these are important days for your family but the health of our campus is paramount at this time. ***Finally, all students, faculty and staff on campus are required to complete a daily [personal health assessment](#) for COVID-19 symptoms.***

I'm all moved in. What now?

At this point, quarantine begins! You will be required to self-quarantine in your room, suite, apartment or town home, or if you wish, back at your home, until all students receive the results of their COVID-19 test. We anticipate that will be 4-7 days. Unfortunately, quarantine means quarantine. Students will be asked to stay in their room, outside of using the bathroom. If your test result is negative, you will receive an email notification. If your test result is positive, you will receive a phone call from a Mercy Hospital or Heidelberg University Health Center staff member with further instructions for your care. Students who receive positive test results will be placed into a designated quarantine area for 14 days or have the opportunity to quarantine at their home.

During quarantine, how will I get my meals?

The amazing team from Parkhurst Dining will be delivering your meals to your residence two times each day. Lunch will accompany an afternoon snack and dinner will accompany a sack breakfast. The Parkhurst staff will deliver meals at designated times beginning at 11 a.m. for lunch and again beginning at 5 p.m. for dinner directly to each student's room. Check with your area RA for anticipated meal times. Special dietary restrictions may be phoned in by 5 p.m. daily for the next day's meal service. Please call 419.448.2449 to place your order. Parkhurst also will provide a limited retail snack menu (distributed with your dinner) available during quarantine. A minimum order of \$10 is required, payable with Berg Bucks, Flex Dollars or a credit card. To place your order, please call 419.448.2291 to order by 11am that day for same day delivery.

Online classes begin on Monday, August 24, correct?

Yes, as we announced last week, we have committed to deliver the first week of classes entirely remotely. Each of your professors will share their remote teaching plans with you before the first day of classes. Some classes will have Zoom sessions for synchronous meetings, while others classes will take place using a variety of remote modalities. Pending the timeline of test results, it may be necessary to continue remote classes into week two of classes. We are confident we will be able to return to the scheduled modality, which you can find on OASIS, very soon.

Are there any activities planned for the first week?

You bet! Our staff has gotten creative in providing opportunities for some fun and meaningful activities so the week will go by more quickly. We encourage you to take advantage of a daily Zoom in Your Room workout, daily vespers, in-room campus activities, and more. Details of the daily activities will be sent to students' email every morning.

As you prepare to arrive on campus, please check out the [Responsible Restart: Heidelberg](#) webpage, which is updated frequently. This dynamic page is a great resource for all of your questions. You can also email studentaffairs@heidelberg.edu.

Again, we can't wait to welcome you to campus. This first week may not be what you had envisioned, but we are "Student Prince strong" and we will get through it together. Thank you for choosing Heidelberg, and for all that you will do to keep yourself and each other healthy and safe, and for being so willing to be flexible as we navigate these early days of the fall semester.

With my very best wishes for a successful semester,

Dr. Chris Abrams
Dean of Student Affairs