

Return to Campus for Students in Residential Housing on the Huntington, IN Campus

January 2021

Huntington University plans to begin our Spring 2021 semester on Monday, January 25 as scheduled. The fall semester went as planned, and students, faculty, and staff executed the necessary protocols to make it a success. For the Spring 2021 semester, there will be a slight modification for students living in University housing, and this document details the return to campus protocols. (The following information does not apply to commuter students for the Huntington, IN campus or students at HUAZ.)

Residential Students in Huntington, IN

To ensure the safest possible start for the spring 2021 semester, all students living in University housing at the Huntington, Indiana campus will be required to show documentation of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to campus in January. The test must be administered within 7 days of a student's return to campus and documentation of test results provided to the University. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days of their return will only need to provide documentation of their positive test result with the date included.

Students who do not have access to testing that allows results that fit within the prior week's window may be able to access a rapid test upon arriving on campus. Students should make every attempt to return with a negative test to ensure a smooth transition back to campus. Students who may have difficulty accessing a COVID-19 testing location and will require access to a rapid test on campus will be able request this using a form that will be included in future communications.

Each student, regardless of one's return to campus date, is responsible for providing these results for a test administered within 7 days of their return. For the reporting of test results, a secure online repository has been created and directions on accessing this will be provided to students at the appropriate time. Information on how to submit documentation will be forthcoming at a later date from the Office of Student Life via email.

For testing information in your home location, contact the local county health department. For Indiana residents, testing information and locations can be found by visiting www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm or calling 1-888-634-1116.

If a student tests positive, University and CDC protocols should be followed for an isolation period. At a minimum, this isolation period will end 10 days after the test was administered, with the test administration day counting as day zero and the following day counting as day one. The student will also need to ensure at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication has passed and any potential symptoms have improved at the end of the isolation period. Any student who tests positive should not report to campus until the isolation period is

over. Any student who tests positive should communicate with the Office of Student Life and coordinate with professors to arrange virtual class attendance during the isolation period.

For additional questions on COVID-19 Return to Campus Protocols, email bjarworski@huntington.edu.

For additional questions on required COVID-19 testing, email rdegitz@huntington.edu.

Commuter Students and HUAZ Students

Commuter students at the Huntington, Indiana campus and all students studying at HUAZ are not required to test before returning to classes for the spring semester.

For more information, visit huntington.edu and click on the COVID-19 Updates and Campus Plan links at the top of the page.