

Dear VUU Students,

First Letter – July 27, 2020

The campus has not been the same without you, and frankly, we miss you! We all have been impacted by COVID-19 in many ways, much of which has been living through uncertainty. During these unprecedented times, we have been preparing for your return and considering all factors to ensure a healthy and safe campus community. We are pleased to announce that the plan is for the campus to open. Yet, we almost must acknowledge that campus will be different! It is equally important that we all remain flexible and attuned to this dynamic situation.

As outlined in the university's re-population plan, entitled "Re:UNION: Excellence, Re-imagined" (<https://www.vuu.edu/vuu-opening-plan>) we have outlined in detail the safety measures that are in place to welcome your safe return and sustain a healthy living and learning community. In the coming days, we will share explicit detail regarding what you can expect and what you are required to complete before your arrival on campus. Below, we provide some information to address many of the questions we have received:

1. **Required Student Health and Safety Training:** To ensure your understanding of our campus expectations, all students (those living on campus, commuting and virtual-based students) will be required to complete a health and safety training. It is imperative that all students successfully pass training assessment with an 80% or higher. You will be permitted to take the assessment as many times as necessary to pass. However, passing is required to be permitted full access to the learning environment. More details are forthcoming.
2. **COVID-19 Testing:** For residential (on-campus) students, COVID-19 testing will be required for access to campus on move-in day. Students are strongly encouraged to get tested within five (5) days of your anticipated arrival to campus (results more than 1-week of the move-in date will not be accepted). Students will be required to share their testing results with our medical services provider CAHN for access to campus. All students **MUST BE** negative to be permitted on campus and will **NOT** be allowed to enter the campus without medical clearance. For students who arrive without COVID-19 testing, services are available. However, students will be responsible for housing accommodations until negative results are obtained.
3. **Limited on-campus housing:** The on-campus residential experience has been augmented to ensure physical distancing measures are in place. The Office Housing and Residence Life has notified all students with their housing assignment (or you should check my.vuu.edu for details). If you were wait-listed, the team is confirming housing availability and will notify you if the status changes. Please review the recently distributed move-in guide for additional information.
4. **Virtual and Campus-Based Course Options:** We have emerged with greater capacity to facilitate virtual learning, and campus-based learning will occur with physical distancing measures in place. Please consult with your academic advisor to learn more about distinguishing between virtual and campus-based learning and what is available for your scheduling needs.
5. **No Fall Sports:** Our student-athletes are an essential part of our campus community, and we appreciate all their efforts that increase our #PantherPride. This fall, the CIAA and our university family, have determined that fall sports will be postponed. Discussions are underway to identify strategies moving forward.

We have so much more that we want you to know, and we will be sure to disseminate more information in the days to come. We invite you to follow us on Instagram using the following handles @vaunion1865, @vuupresident, @iheartunion, @deanmyaers_vuu, and @uc_vuu for regular updates.