



Dominican College – Moving Forward
Guide to Returning to Campus

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For the most up to date information please visit dc.edu/campus-reopening/.

Dominican College looks forward to welcoming students, faculty and staff back to campus for the fall semester.

ABOUT THIS PLAN

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is Dominican College's top priority to provide a safe academic environment for our students to pursue their education, as well as a safe workplace for our employees, in compliance with federal, state, and local ordinances and health departments.

Dominican College's plans for reopening are based on Governor Cuomo's [NY Forward-A Guide to Reopening New York & Building Back Better](#), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Rockland County Department of Health guidelines, and all pertinent executive orders and ordinances.

The College continues to monitor closely the evolving understanding of COVID-19 by health and medical experts and will adapt its policies and procedures where appropriate as new information becomes available.

The College's plan for reopening is the result of efforts by numerous faculty and staff members from across the College. Recommendations that informed the planning process were also gathered from Trustees and students. Over the past several months, the College's Reopening Coordinating Committee, President's Cabinet, and multiple working groups were formed developed plans that will help ensure a safe return to campus for students, faculty, and staff. General oversight of the College's reopening efforts will continue to be the responsibility of the President's Cabinet and the Reopening Coordinating Committee. See [Appendix A: Reopening Planning Groups](#)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON RETURNING TO CAMPUS

Informed by our mission, vision, and our Dominican heritage, the College's plan to reopen campus is guided by the following principles:

- **Dominican College will fulfill our mission and meet our standard of excellence.** The core mission of Dominican College remains unchanged, even in a changed environment. We are committed to promote educational excellence, leadership and service in an environment characterized by respect for the individual and concern for the community and its needs. The College empowers this community of learners to excel, lead and serve with integrity and to engage responsibly in the pursuit of a more just, ethical and sustainable world.
- **The health and safety of our college community are both paramount. Protecting our students, faculty, and staff is the starting point for each decision.** Our return to campus will be dependent upon conditions related to the virus and the best public health practices available to mitigate its impacts, including screening protocols, office space re-designs, physical distancing and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- **We will be flexible and innovative in the face of evolving circumstances.** We will embrace fully the challenge and opportunity of exploring new ways to further our

mission and goals as circumstances evolve. The path of this pandemic will require us to be flexible for quite some time.

- **We will heed our responsibility to ensure the College’s financial strength and stability.** The success of our response to this pandemic will have lasting effects on Dominican College, and we must be mindful to make decisions that not only help us weather the present crisis but also position us for sustained institutional excellence and financial stability.

***While the campus may look and feel different, we are the same
Dominican Chargers making a Dominican Difference!***

PHASED APPROACH TO RETURNING TO CAMPUS

Dominican College began a phased in return to work for administrators and staff on June 22, 2020 with alternate staffing options in place. Phasing of employees continued through July and a more complete return will take place on August 17, 2020.

Select classes in the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and MBA programs resumed on campus in July.

Dominican College looks forward to welcoming residential students to campus beginning on August 25, 2020 and the start of traditional semester undergraduate on-campus classes on August 31, 2020.

FALL 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Dominican College’s fall sessions will run as scheduled. This may change if conditions warrant. The traditional undergraduate fall semester will run from August 31 to December 18. The Residence Halls will remain open during the Thanksgiving Break for those students who wish to stay on campus and avoid travel. (See [Appendix B: Academic Calendar 2020 – 2021](#))

HEALTH AND SAFETY

FACE MASKS/COVERINGS

To help protect all members of the Dominican College Community, a face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn when on campus in enclosed spaces. Locations include but are not limited to:

- Building Lobbies
- Classrooms
- Shared Offices/Workspaces
- Corridors/Hallways
- Restrooms
- Elevators

Face masks/coverings must also be worn outdoors when 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained and when otherwise indicated as required.

The College will provide students with one cloth mask, but students will need to provide their own in addition to this. Face masks are available for purchase at the College Bookstore. Students who cannot wear a face mask/covering due to medical or disability-related reasons should contact the Office of Special Services (margaret.giuliano@dc.edu) for alternate class arrangements where possible.

SCREENING REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

Students, faculty, and staff must complete an **online screening questionnaire** each day they plan to be on campus. The questionnaire must be completed prior to coming to campus/leaving the residence halls for the first time each day. The questionnaire gathers information regarding temperature to ensure it is less than 100.0 degrees, exposure to COVID-19, symptoms, and monitoring as well as capturing travel history based on New York State's Travel Advisory. Clearance to come to campus/next steps will be provided based on the answers submitted. Information on how to access the questionnaire will be shared.

TESTING

Arrangements for testing are in development with local hospitals for onsite and offsite testing as needed.

EXPERIENCE OF SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 symptoms may appear from an average of 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with any of the following symptoms, or any combination of these symptoms, may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath (experienced during activities you would not normally feel short of breath during)
- Chills or repeated shaking chills
- Muscle aches or pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- A new loss of sense of taste or smell
- Fever (>100.0 F)
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

CDC List of COVID-19 Symptoms:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Faculty/Staff

If an employee experiences any symptoms of COVID-19 when off campus he/she must remain home, contact his/her supervisor, and call a healthcare provider for further guidance.

An employee who begins experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 **while on campus** should keep his/her face mask/covering on, advise his/her supervisor that he/she is returning home, and call a healthcare provider.

If COVID-19 is detected, the employee must follow the quarantine provision and contact his/her supervisor and Human Resources. Once notified by Human Resources, the Student Health Center (SHC) will contact the state and local Department of Health, for guidance regarding surveillance, monitoring and communication to the Dominican College community. The SHC will follow the protocol from the CDC and New York State, regarding the employee's return to campus.

Employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 should not return to campus until all of the [CDC criteria](#) (see below) have been met and Human Resources has received documentation of release from isolation or quarantine from the Department of Health or his/her healthcare provider.

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication
- Symptoms have improved

Commuter Students

If a commuter student experiences any symptoms of COVID-19 when off campus, they must remain at home and call their healthcare provider for further guidance. Commuter students may also schedule a telehealth appointment with a nurse practitioner by contacting the Student Health Center (SHC) at 845-848-7918 or dchealthcenter@dc.edu.

A commuter student who begins experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or feels ill **while on campus** should return home immediately and call his/her healthcare provider or schedule a telehealth appointment with a nurse practitioner by contacting the Student Health Center (SHC) at 845-848-7918 or dchealthcenter@dc.edu. Students who are not well enough to drive home or need assistance with securing transportation should contact the SHC to assist with transportation arrangements. The College will assist students who are unable to return home with securing appropriate isolation/quarantine accommodations.

Commuter students should contact their primary care provider and then contact the SHC if they are being sent for COVID-19 testing. Commuter students will be instructed to report the findings of their visit to the SHC. The SHC will attempt to follow up with the student to obtain the diagnosis of the individual using Mediat secure messaging. College email or a phone call may be used if permission is granted in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) privacy policy signed by the student.

If COVID-19 is detected, the student must follow the quarantine provision. The SHC will contact the state and local Department of Health, for guidance regarding surveillance, monitoring and communication to the Dominican College community. The SHC will follow the protocol from the CDC and New York State, regarding the student's return to campus.

Students should continue with their studies remotely provided they are able to do so during their illness. Students who are too ill to continue their coursework must contact the Academic Dean's office.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 should not return to campus until the [CDC criteria](#) (see below) have been met and the SHC has received documentation of release from isolation or quarantine from the Department of Health or his/her healthcare provider .

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication
- Symptoms have improved

Resident Students

A resident student who experiences any symptoms of COVID -19 must isolate himself/herself in his/her residence hall room and notify a Residence Life staff member.

If a resident student contracts COVID-19, is exposed to the virus or experiences any symptoms of COVID-19, isolation or quarantine will be required. Students will be encouraged to return to home during the period of isolation/quarantine. Students who return home and test positive for COVID-19 should not return to campus until the [CDC criteria](#) (see below) have been met and the SHC has received documentation of release from isolation or quarantine from the Department of Health or his/her healthcare provider .

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication
- Symptoms have improved

If it is not possible for a student to return home, the College has identified dedicated spaces for isolation and quarantine, as needed, on and off campus. (See [Isolation and Quarantine for Resident Students](#))

Students should continue with their studies remotely provided they are able to do so during their illness. Students who are too ill to continue their coursework must contact the Academic Dean's office.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS - TRAVEL ADVISORY

Those who have been to one of the restricted states identified by New York State or returned from international travel in the last 14 days, are required to quarantine at home for 14 days. Visit the link below for the current list of restricted states by New York State. Students who reside in

one of these states or in another country must notify the College so quarantine arrangements can be provided.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory#restricted-states>

International students must follow the required quarantine guidelines. International Students must contact Residence Life for quarantine information and accommodation requests.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS – FACULTY AND STAFF

Vulnerable populations, such as those who are 65 years or older or who suffer from underlying health conditions, will report to the Director of Human Resources regarding plans to work remotely. Employees who do not feel able to return in person will require the approval of their supervising Vice President to work remotely, when possible. All approved plans will be filed with the Office of Human Resources.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

- A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn when on campus in enclosed spaces and outdoors when six-foot distancing cannot be maintained and when otherwise indicated as required.
- For the fall semester, the College will provide each student with one cloth mask. Students are encouraged to also use their own face masks/coverings.
- Employees may use their own face mask/covering or use the masks provided by the College.
- Disposable gloves are available upon request to those who use gloves during their normal course of business.
- All individuals on campus should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances/exits and in high traffic areas.
- Disinfecting supplies are available for use in every department and classroom.
- Cleaning Staff will adhere to hygiene and sanitation guidelines from the CDC and the Department of Health (DOH) and maintain cleaning logs on site that document the date, time and scope of cleaning.
- Regular cleaning and disinfection will be conducted daily or more frequently, as needed, as well as frequent cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and high transit areas such as restrooms and common areas.

The Purchasing Department is responsible for procurement, inventory management, and distribution of disinfecting wipes, disposable face masks, and disposable gloves* to college departments

To order additional supplies, a designated person who is responsible for monitoring and ordering supplies for the department should email PPerequest@dc.edu with the item(s) and quantity being

requested. Departments should allow at least one business day between the time the request is made and delivery via interoffice mail.

*Gloves are available to those employees who use gloves during their normal course of business (i.e., mailroom, and facilities). Gloves are not recommended for the general college community.

PUBLIC HEALTH AWARENESS/EDUCATION

To ensure faculty, staff, and students have access to the same basic information, the College will offer formal online education/training regarding COVID-19. Training is mandatory and compliance will be monitored by the Office of Human Resources (for employees) and the Office of Student Development (for students).

Training and educational material will include the following:

- A general overview of COVID-19 including infection prevention and control measures (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, physical distancing, cleaning and disinfection), signs and symptoms, testing, transmission, and credible resources.
- Campus-specific policies and practices regarding infection prevention and control, campus health and safety resources, use of PPE including face mask/covering, and actions if sick.
- All students will be encouraged to sign and adhere to the [Dominican Cares Pledge](#) (See [Appendix C: Dominican Cares Pledge](#))

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The Student Health Center (SHC) has partnered with outside agencies such as local health providers, walk-in clinics, pharmacies and laboratories to ensure quality service to students. Additionally, the SHC is working closely with the Rockland County Department of Health. The SHC, in collaboration with a partner organizations and/or Rockland County Health Department, will offer the following capabilities for the campus:

- Assist with accessing services for viral testing.
- Contact tracing, identification, and quarantine of persons exposed to COVID-19.
- Case management of all students on campus with COVID-19 symptoms and/or diagnosis and all students under quarantine after exposure, and ongoing monitoring while isolated
 - SHC staff will remotely monitor students on a daily basis (temperature checks and symptom screening) and transfer to an on- or off-campus site for a clinical evaluation if symptoms advance or the patient requests.
 - Syndromic surveillance utilizing electronic health record (EHR) data, ongoing tracking of influenza-like illness (ILI) and COVID-19 symptoms, and, when possible, viral surveillance of asymptomatic students.
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine is highly encouraged and will be offered on campus when available. Flu vaccine clinics will be held on multiple days early in the fall season. Financial assistance is available to those students without insurance or to those unable to pay the \$20 fee.

Visiting the Student Health Center

Whenever possible, telehealth visits will be offered. If an in-person visit to the SHC is necessary, visitors will be required to complete a health screening form in Mediat (the College's electronic health system) and have his/her temperature taken with a touchless thermometer prior to entry.

Instructions for making appointments will be posted on the [SHC home page](#) and will be available in Mediat. Upon initial screening, students will be placed directly into an exam room, the use of the waiting room will be kept at a minimum and will not be used for students who are ill. SHC staff will assist, if needed, with acquiring transportation service for any individual requiring medical transport to a hospital or an escort to private care for outside medical follow-up during regular business hours.

ACADEMICS

The College has developed a plan to enable a delivery of our academic and academic support programs in all delivery systems during the Fall 2020 semester in a way that is both effective and safe for students, faculty, and staff.

Fall courses will contain a mixture of face-to-face courses (with a requirement for the use of PPE, room for physical distancing, the opportunity for all to disinfect their work areas), hybrid courses (through online class components and/or the livestreaming of classes from campus) and some fully online courses. As per the College's Mission, our "educational programs and services" will continue to "be both challenging and supportive, distinguished both by high standards and by attention to the needs and potential of the individual student."

Dominican College's fall sessions will run as scheduled. The traditional undergraduate fall semester will run from August 31 to December 18. Faculty are prepared to pivot quickly to remote instruction should conditions warrant.

CLASSROOM SAFETY

- Faculty and staff must wear a face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth when in the classroom*
- Classrooms will be reconfigured and/or modified to accommodate revised room capacities and allow for physical distancing
- Maximum occupancy for classrooms will be posted and enforced
- As per CDC guidance, windows and doors in classrooms and offices will be kept as open as possible throughout the semester to increase air flow.

*Students who cannot wear a face mask/covering due to medical or disability-related reasons should contact the Office of Special Services (Margaret.giuliano@dc.edu) for alternate class arrangements where possible.

Students who choose not to wear a face mask/covering may participate in class remotely, but may not attend in person. This is to protect their health and safety as well as the health and safety

of their classmates, instructor, and the Dominican College community. Anyone attending class in person without a face mask/covering will be asked to put one on or leave. Students who refuse to wear face masks/coverings appropriately or adhere to other stated requirements may face disciplinary action.

COURSE DELIVERY

In addition to face-to-face courses, there will be two options: the *hyflex* and *hybrid* models. In some cases, faculty may ask or require a set number of students to participate remotely via livestreaming. This is the **hyflex** model. In the **hyflex** model, students can either be rotated through onsite and livestreaming participation, or a set number of students may be chosen to take the course remotely due to health concerns, commuting distance, etc. Thus, all students will attend the class simultaneously either in the classroom or online.

Students wishing to take all of their courses online—either by enrolling only in online courses or by asking to be allowed to livestream all class sessions—must send an email request to Dean'sOffice@dc.edu. ***Please note that this may not be an option for students in the College's professional programs.*** When in-person attendance is a requirement for specific essential elements, requests for online/livestreaming to replace the in-person requirement will not be an option. Questions regarding such circumstances should be directed to the appropriate program coordinator/director.

Some faculty may prefer to split their course in two, bringing half their class in on Monday, for example, for a lecture and then bring the other half in on Wednesday for the same lecture. Both groups would then do their second class session that week online. This would be the **hybrid** model.

To accommodate live-streaming of classes, a “Zoom Cart” has been set up in every regular classroom and converted meeting room. This will include a computer setup with two screens: a large one to display the faces of students participating remotely and a smaller one for the computer itself. Faculty will be able to control a 360-degree camera with a remote control and use a SmartBoard for class notes.

Special approaches will be required for hands-on courses, such as science labs and skills courses:

- Smaller groups of students may be rotated through lab experiences, students may observe some labs posted online, or at home “kitchen” labs will be provided.
- Science programs will make use of virtual labs through Labster.com for many of their courses.

Careful attendance will be taken for every class session and records maintained in case tracing becomes necessary.

The Rosary Computer Lab will be made available for students needing a space to participate in online courses or hybrid courses components.

FULLY ONLINE COURSES

A number of Fall 2020 courses have been designated as being fully online, either with synchronous or asynchronous classes. (See the course schedule on the portal for specific course information: https://my.dc.edu/ICS/Course_Search.jnz.) **Resident and international students cannot take more than one fully online course whether that course is designated an “online” or “hyflex” course.**

Any waiver to this policy must be cleared by the both the student’s advisor and the Academic Dean, and in the case of international students, by the Vice President for Enrollment Management as well.

The College reserves the right to make any necessary changes in the delivery of its courses without prior notice based on prevalent circumstances and local, state and/or federal guidance. This includes the right to transition classes to online or hybrid delivery.

OFF-CAMPUS EXPERIENTIAL COURSES

Regarding clinicals, field placements, student teaching, onsite internships, etc., these courses and course components will follow guidance from the CDC, federal and state Department of Education, and directives from the appropriate professional accrediting bodies. In some cases, students may be able to complete such requirements either virtually or through approved alternative methods.

All students participating in such off-campus courses or course components must sign a special COVID-19 waiver acknowledging they understand and accept the potential risks associated with these experiences. Students wishing to defer such degree requirements should speak with the appropriate program coordinator/director about the possibility of being granted a deferral.

MODIFICATIONS TO CLASS SCHEDULES

Five minutes will be added between class sessions to provide more time between courses to allow students to leave the classroom in a staggered fashion, thus reducing congestion in the doorways and halls. It will also allow faculty and students before the next class session begins to wipe down the desks and chairs they will use in that class with College provided disinfectant wipes.

Courses in the fall will meet as scheduled below:

8:15 am – 9:30 am
9:50 am – 11:05 am
11:25 am – 12:40 pm
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm
2:35 pm – 3:50 pm
4:10 pm – 5:30 pm
5:45 pm – 8:25 pm

Some Nursing courses, however, will continue to start at 8:00 a.m.

CLASSROOM SETUP

Classroom occupancy limits across campus have been greatly reduced to promote physical distancing. For example, classrooms that were previously setup to accommodate 35 students have been modified to have no more than 16 students in a class. Occupancy limits in the science, computer and professional program labs have been reduced even further. Student partner and group work, except in cases when it is necessary for the instruction of core course material, will only occur virtually.

The College's larger meeting rooms will be used for larger classes.

FACULTY OFFICE HOURS

To the degree possible, faculty will only be on campus for teaching. The required four office hours on campus for fulltime faculty will be suspended for the fall semester, though these office hours will still be held remotely. Students wishing to meet with a member of the faculty or staff must make appointments ahead of time.

THE SULLIVAN LIBRARY

Sullivan Library services will be offered primarily by request and at a distance.

- Research Help: librarians available by appointment for Zoom or phone meetings. Help is also available by email and online 24/7 via chat.
- Curbside pick-up service: available by request for circulating books with a longer lending period of one semester and no renewals.
- Course Reserves: textbooks and other course materials will be electronic when available and students may request scans in accordance with copyright restrictions. Print texts are accessible in-person with safety precautions.
- Library building: hours will be modified, capacity reduced, and access limited to current students, faculty, staff, and administrators during the Fall semester. Patrons will need to present their DC-1Card, and wear face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth.

THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

In the fall, the Academic Success Center (ASC) will be open and staffed Monday through Friday and will primarily provide services remotely.

Tutoring will be provided remotely. Students should call the ASC (845-848-4056) or complete the Tutoring Request form on the portal to schedule a tutoring appointment.

Writing and Math labs will be held remotely and Financial Accounting and Microeconomics labs will be offered on campus in classrooms and remotely. Labs will not be held in the ASC during the fall.

Course-related testing makeups and course-related testing with special accommodations, excluding reader and scribe services, will be conducted by course instructors with the option of Respondus Lockdown Browser or Respondus Lockdown Browser with Monitor through BlackBoard. Testing services for students requiring readers and/or scribes will be provided by the Office of Special Services.

Students who wish to visit the ASC in person to meet with an ASC staff member or use ASC technology, must make an appointment. Student capacity in the ASC will be capped at 8 (includes study hall students assigned to the ASC and those using ASC technology). Physical distancing guidelines and college guidelines will be followed during in-person appointments.

- A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Students will be instructed to use disinfecting wipes provided by the College to wipe down desks, chairs, and computers before and after use.
- Furniture will be reconfigured and/or modified to accommodate revised room capacity and allow for physical distancing.
- Physical distancing signage will be posted and must be followed.
- Limited sharing of objects (e.g. laptops, phones, handouts, writing utensils).
- No food or eating is permitted.

Records of in-person student usage of the ASC will be maintained in case tracing becomes necessary.

STUDENT LIFE

Student Development is committed to providing opportunities that deliver holistic and strategic support for our diverse student population to encourage growth as individuals, and as members of the Dominican College family. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has created unique challenges that prevent student life programming to occur in the usual fashion, the Student Development Team has collaborated to restructure our approach to student engagement. Alternate, innovative methods will be implemented to provide meaningful opportunities for student involvement, leadership development, and community service. The strategy for the fall semester includes implementing consistent virtual programming and offering a limited number of on-campus experiences for students that adhere to guidelines from the CDC, New York State, Rockland County Department of Health, and all pertinent executive orders and ordinances.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SUITE

The Student Engagement Suite, located on the first floor of Casey Hall (Room 1), will be staffed from 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

Safety guidelines and capacity limits will be implemented in offices and lounge space to allow for physical distancing. Students and members of the Dominican College community must follow the instructions posted on the main door before entering the lounge.

- Maximum suite capacity will be limited to 8 students at one time.
- A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn.
- Surfaces will be disinfected regularly by Student Development staff.
- No food or eating is permitted.
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon lounge entry.
- Physical distancing signage will be posted and must be followed.
- Furniture will be reconfigured and/or modified to accommodate revised room capacity and allow for physical distancing.
- As per CDC guidance, windows and doors will be kept open as often as possible throughout the semester to increase air flow.
- If physical distancing and college guidelines are not followed, the lounge will no longer be available for use.

Scheduled appointments and meetings with students will continue to occur remotely, whenever possible.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMING

Programming in the fall semester will be delivered through a combination of virtual and in-person experience opportunities on a weekly basis. Weekly programming may vary between all virtual and some in-person. When possible, and applicable, on-campus events will be live-streamed in order to provide additional involvement opportunities for students to access remotely.

When providing virtual experiences, Student Activities will make every effort to mirror the tone and frequency of traditional on-campus programs typically offered. Through these virtual efforts, Student Activities will continue to strive to:

- Promote continued student engagement and involvement
- Provide an enriching virtual campus life experience
- Offer diverse programming options to appeal to various student interests.

Physical distancing guidelines will be strictly enforced for all in-person events on campus. Face masks/coverings will be a requirement for admission and participation in events. Disposable face masks will be provided to any attendee who does not have his/her own.

In addition:

- Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entry and disinfectant wipes will be made available.

- Separation of six feet will be maintained at indoor and outdoor event spaces. Signage will be visible to direct flow of traffic. In locations with fixed seating/furniture, including the Granito Center Extension, available seats will be marked prior to the start of an event or moved to allow for adequate physical distancing.
- Attendance will be capped at the maximum allowed number of attendees based on space and location of events on campus.
- Event staff and attendees must complete an online screening questionnaire at least 24 hours prior to attending an event. Entry will not be permitted for anyone with a fever or showing symptoms of illness. Attendees denied entry will be encouraged to participate in the event virtually, if applicable.
- In collaboration with Facilities, on campus event space will be thoroughly disinfected (before and after use)
- For certain applicable on-campus events (video game tournaments, escape rooms, etc.), prior event registration will be required for participation to ensure appropriate attendance numbers. RSVP links will be created and sent to students. Waitlists for these events will also be generated once capacity has been reached.
- Giveaway events, do it yourself (DIY) or interactive programs that require supplies will be designed with the option for students to pick up items from campus in a "Grab & Go" style fashion. Items will be prepared by Student Activities and students will be provided a time frame and designated pick-up location.
- Student outreach regarding all programming opportunities will continue to occur through email notifications, social media, Charged Up!, and the DC Mobile app.
- Charger Activities Board (CAB) will hold their weekly meetings virtually for the fall semester.
- Off-campus trips will not be scheduled for the fall semester.
- Family Day and Fire in the Sky will not be held in the 2020-21 academic year.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND CLUBS

Dominican College's Student Government Association (SGA) will hold their weekly meetings for the fall semester virtually. The SGA will continue to work closely with and provide direct support for student clubs.

The operations of the College's student clubs will occur remotely during the fall semester.

- The Clubs and Organizations webpage will be updated to reflect the new virtual club operations for the fall semester. Visit dc.edu/student-activities/clubs-organizations/ for more information.
- Club Council meetings will be held virtually for the fall semester
- There will be no college-related travel or off-campus trips during the fall semester for any student club.
- The Fall Club Fair will be held in-person on Thursday, September 3 during common hour on the Campus Quad.

ATHLETICS

- Per NCAA/CACC guidelines, all fall sports' game competition will be moved to the spring semester. No game competition will commence before January 1, 2021. The winter sports of Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball and Volleyball will move the start date of official practice to December 1. The traditional spring sports will maintain their original spring schedule of competitions.
- In the fall, all 17 sports will conduct a schedule of training and team practice safely, adhering to the health and safety guidelines provided by New York State, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). These practices can start on Monday, September 14th.
- The CACC is drafting new schedules for all fall and winter sports at this time. When available, schedules will be published on chargerathletics.com.

FITNESS CENTER AND GYMNASIUMS

The fitness center and gymnasiums will reopen when permitted by state and local ordinances.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (CELD)

The Sister Catherine Howard Campus Food Pantry

The Sister Catherine Howard Campus Food Pantry will be open Tuesdays from 1:00 pm -5:00 pm and Thursday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm with new guidelines:

- A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times.
- Every patron will be provided with gloves to use when in the Pantry.
- One food pantry student staff member will be stationed in the Pantry.
- One student patron is allowed in the Pantry at a time.
- Students waiting to enter the Pantry must wait in the hallway, while maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from other individuals, or make an appointment to return. Visual markings will indicate where to wait in the hallway.
- The Pantry will be disinfected after each student visit.

CELD Programming

With new guidelines and structures in place, the CELD Department will continue to offer many service and leadership opportunities during the fall semester. Although programs will be structured differently and many will be held virtually they will still provide meaningful and valuable opportunities for engagement.

Some of the opportunities offered through CELD include:

- Meals on Wheels

- RISE (Readiness Through Integrated Service Engagement)
- Relay for Life
- Leadership Guest Speaker Series
- Charger Leadership Institute
- Volunteer Student Spotlight

Select events within the CELD Department will be held in-person during the fall semester, with physical distancing and college guidelines in place.

In-person events for the fall semester currently being planned include:

- Go Gold Day (Mini Relay for Life event) (9/1/20)
- Preaching in Action: Packaging 10,000 meals (9/4/20)
- Blood Drive (10/29/20, by appointment only)

Do it Yourself (DIY) service opportunities that require supplies will be designed with the option for students to pick up items from the Student Engagement Lounge in a "Grab and Go" style. Items will be prepared by the Director of CELD, and students will be provided a designated location and date to pick up supplies and drop off completed service projects.

The 2021 Experience El Salvador Mission Trip will not occur.

For more details about CELD opportunities and events, visit dc.edu/campus-life/community-engagement-leadership-development/ or the event calendar on the DC Mobile app or the portal

CORLESS LOUNGE (COMMUTER LOUNGE)

The Lounge will remain open for student use.

- A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times
- Disinfecting wipes will be available to wipe down seating, computers, remotes, etc. after use.
- Lockers will not be available for use. Students with any items left in lockers from the previous semester will be provided instructions to pick up items within the first two weeks of the semester.
- Physical distancing signage will be posted and must be followed.
- If physical distancing and college guidelines are not followed, the lounge will no longer be available for use.

RESIDENCE LIFE/RESIDENCE CENTERS

Capacity in residence halls, Hertel, Rosary, and Guzman, has been reduced to ensure the health and safety of the College community. Returning students who partook in housing selection in May will stay in their selected room. The majority of new students (Freshmen and Transfers) and returning students who did not go through housing selection may be assigned to a single. There are a limited number of doubles available for new students. Those occupying suite style rooms will be considered a "family unit". Students requiring housing accommodations in relation to a disability, medical condition or psychological need should contact the Office of Special Services (margaret.giuliano@dc.edu).

A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn outside of a student's room/in all public areas inside the residence halls. Resident students must complete an **online screening questionnaire** before leaving the residence halls for the first time each day.

At the start of the semester, all lounges and common spaces will be closed. The opening of the lounges and common area will be reviewed regularly. Socialization opportunities will be available in outdoor settings while physical distance protocols are observed.

Residence Life and Facilities will ensure regular, frequent and thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all common areas, including lounges, hallways, computer areas, study rooms, lobbies, laundry rooms, hallways, and bathrooms in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Measures include:

- Disinfecting wipe dispensers in common areas for student use.
- Hand sanitizer stations available throughout each floor and in laundry rooms.
- Required face masks/coverings that covers both the nose and mouth when in any shared space (bathrooms, lobbies, laundry rooms, etc.)
- Clear plastic guards/shields will be installed at all front desks.
- Designation of communal bathrooms by floor and or module. Storage of personal items within communal bathrooms will be not permitted.

All residence hall guest and visitation policies are suspended. No outside guest is permitted access in the Residence Centers and no student can visit another student's room. Resident students will only be permitted to enter the residence hall to which he/she is assigned. Guests are defined as any non-resident student. Visitors are defined as Dominican College students who are not assigned to the specific room which they occupy

All resident students must receive a flu shot when available. Flu vaccine clinics will be held on campus on multiple days early in the fall season.

Resident students are encouraged to stay in the residence halls during Thanksgiving break to reduce travel and spread of the virus. Resident students are also encouraged to limit off campus travel and activities in order to reduce potential exposure to the virus.

Resident students will be required to sign separate COVID-19 agreements to indicate that they understand and will comply with new policies and guidelines. Conduct implications will be enforced for students who do not follow college policies and fines are subject to be doubled.

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Residence Life staff will continue to reside on campus to ensure the safety and security of the students and residence halls. Resident Assistants will maintain the safety, security, and community aspect of the residence halls while maintaining physical distancing and utilizing technology, when available, to keep in contact with resident students.

Residence Life staff will be trained on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and on the response to students who are experiencing symptoms/feeling ill. Resident Assistants will receive the majority of their training online during the summer based on current local and state guidelines. Security and Public Safety staff who monitor the residence hall entryways will be trained on new college policies and guidelines.

There will continue to be an “RA On Call” available for resident students Monday through Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 am and 24 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. An “On-Call Administrator will also continue to be available 24/7 to assist with urgent needs of the resident student community.

PROGRAMMING

Residence Life will not host in-person programming during the fall semester. All programs will be held virtually. Residence Life will continue to support in-person programs hosted by other campus departments.

FALL MOVE-IN

Fall move-in will be split into multiple two (2) hour shifts over six days to ensure low population density. Students will be permitted to have two guests assist them with moving into their rooms. Students and guests will be screened prior to entering the Residence Centers.

Resident students will receive information regarding how to sign up for a move-in date and time slot. Each student will be able to sign up for a move-in timeslot according to his/her class year.

Below are dates set for check-in:

- Tuesday, August 25, 2020 – Quarantine students (as designated by New York State Regulations)
- Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – Returning Students
- Thursday, August 27, 2020 – Returning Students
- Friday, August 28, 2020 – Returning Students
- Saturday, August 29, 2020 – New Students and Transfers
- Sunday, August 30, 2020 – Returning Students, New Students, and Transfers

The Office of Residence Life is unable to accommodate any requests for a specific move-in day or time. A missed appointment will need to be rescheduled.

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS

If a resident student contracts COVID-19 or is exposed to the virus, he/she will require isolation or quarantine. Students will be encouraged to return home during the period of isolation/quarantine. If it is not possible for a student to return home, the College has identified dedicated spaces, as needed, on and off campus.

Hertel Hall first floor suites will be utilized as quarantine and isolation spaces for students who live on campus and are unable to return home. If all designated on campus spaces are being occupied, the student will be transported to an off-campus site. Isolation and quarantine rooms will have private bathrooms and contain a thermometer, disinfectant wipes, tissues, soap, hand sanitizer, and toiletries.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, Dominican College will take the following steps:

- The student will be assisted to, and isolated in a designated isolation/quarantine room if they are unable to return home.
- SHC will contact the state and local Department of Health, for guidance regarding surveillance, monitoring and communication to the Dominican College community.
- Attempts to notify those who may have come in contact with the student will be made. It is strongly suggested that anyone who comes in contact with a someone who is suspected of having COVID-19, self-quarantine and notify the SHC.
- The SHC will provide the names of all quarantined/isolated students to the Vice President for Student Development. The Vice President for Student Development will inform all necessary personnel of the students in quarantine and/or isolation to ensure all the student's needs are met (food, health, academics, safety etc.)
- Facilities will clean and disinfect spaces where the student visited as well as high traffic and frequently touched areas.
- SHC staff will remotely monitor students daily (temperature checks and symptom screening) and will arrange transportation to an Urgent Care facility, or hospital, for clinical evaluation if symptoms worsen or the student requests to be seen by a physician. The SHC will clear students for release from quarantine.
- Dining Services will coordinate with Residence Life food and beverage delivery to quarantined and /or isolated students.
- Residence Life and Facilities will coordinate the removal of food and garbage.
- Students will be expected to pack enough clothing and personal belongings to last 14 days.
- The Office of Counseling Services and Campus Ministry will be available remotely to students in isolation or quarantine upon request.

Students should continue with their studies remotely provided they are able to do so during their illness. Students who are too ill to continue their coursework must contact the Academic Dean's office.

CAMPUS DINING

On-campus dining will be available at the Granito Center (no self-service available). Additionally, contactless catering will be available at both the Charger Café in Casey Hall and at the Granito Center.

Orders can be placed online through *Catertrax* or the *Boost* app and dropped off at a designated space with no contact required. Orders can also be picked up at the Charger Café or at the Granito Center

- A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn by diners/customers/anyone entering the dining hall or cafe. Face masks/coverings may be removed only when seated and dining.
- Physical distancing will be maintained at both locations
- To allow for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting both locations will be closed twice each day. Tables will be wiped down and disinfected after each use.
- Every Chartwells Associate will receive a daily wellness check to include self-reports of illness and a contactless temperature check
- Every Chartwells Associate is required to wear a face mask/covering at all times and maintain six feet of distancing behind the food preparing stations.
- Food stations have been retrofitted with plexiglass sneeze guards or mobile sneeze guards

MEETINGS

In-person meetings will be kept to an absolute minimum and occur only when all physical distancing guidelines can be followed and each attendee wears a face mask/covering.

Emails, phone calls, instant messaging, teleconferencing, and videoconferencing should be the norm. IT will provide technology solutions as needed

COLLEGE ID/DC-1 CARD

All faculty, staff, and students are required to wear their Dominican College ID whenever on campus.

FACILITIES

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING BUILDINGS

Aramark will clean and disinfect areas in accordance with guidance issued by the CDC and the Rockland County and New York State Departments of Health. There will be frequent cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and high transit areas such as restrooms and common areas. The College will use the Exhibit C, Section VI of its Aramark contract and the Custodial Schedule as a baseline for cleaning and disinfecting.

Aramark staff will adhere to PPE, hygiene and sanitation requirements from the CDC and the Department of Health and maintain cleaning logs onsite that document the date, time and scope of the cleaning.

Additional actions taken to help ensure the safety of students and employees include, but not limited to:

- Regular use of EPA-registered disinfectants
- Use of Oxivir wipes
- Certified staff in disinfection process
- Particular attention to “high touch” surfaces (e.g. counters, door knobs);

In accordance with CDC guidelines, the College conducted routine HVAC maintenance in advance of the regular schedule. Areas of evaluation include general ventilation adjustments in buildings, such as increasing ventilation and increasing the amount of outdoor air used by the system. Maintain the indoor air temperature and humidity at comfortable levels for building occupants. Use of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers) guidance where and if applicable to the HVAC mechanical systems is ongoing.

NEW SIGNAGE

The College has developed a portfolio of signage and decals to guide building occupants and visitors as they enter, travel through, occupy, and exit buildings. Common areas in buildings will have reminders of safe hygiene practices and other important information. Follow clear markings for the designated traffic in corridors/hallways

- To avoid congestion, some building doors may be designated as ENTER ONLY and others as EXIT ONLY.
- Elevators are limited to occupancy as posted. Some elevators may have varying capacity; signage on each elevator will indicate maximum occupancy.
- Everyone is encouraged to use the stairs whenever possible. UP and DOWN staircases will be designated.

PARKING LOTS AND OUTDOOR COMMON AREAS

Physical distancing should be adhered to in parking lots and outdoor common areas. Faculty, staff, and students must wear a face mask/covering upon exiting their vehicle and when the required 6 feet of distancing cannot be maintained.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

The evening shuttle will not run during the fall semester. Public Safety will continue to provide transportation to students who are eligible through the Office of Special Services. The driver and student passengers will be required to wear a face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth during transport.

The Sunday shuttle will not run during the fall semester.

GUESTS/VISITORS

Prospective students and their families may tour the campus by appointment only. When approved, the tours will be conducted with physical distancing guidelines and college guidelines in place.

Other visitors to campus are required to make an appointment with the office or employee with whom they wish to meet prior to arrival. Upon arrival at the Security Office in Casey Hall, the Reception desks at the Hennessy Center and in Cooke Hall, and at the Office of the Student Life Assistant in Rosary Hall, the employee will greet the visitor and escort him/her to and from the meeting space.

All visitors will be required to complete a screening questionnaire upon arrival and have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer. Records of all guests and visitors to campus, including vendors, will be maintained so that they may be contacted in the event a positive COVID-19 case is identified.

The campus will not be open to visitors without appointments at this time.

Deliveries will be made as authorized.

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Office of Campus Ministry provides the Dominican College Community with the means for spiritual and personal growth and support. In the fall, the Campus Ministry Office will be open and staffed Monday through Friday and other times by request. The office will be available for virtual and phone meetings and will offer in-person appointments upon request. Physical distancing guidelines and college guidelines will be followed during in-person appointments.

Chaplains of different faiths may be contacted to offer religious services and counsel for students.

To make an appointment or for more information contact:

Sr. Barbara McEneaney O.P., M.S.

Director of Campus Ministry

(848) 848-4031

barbara.mceneaney@dc.edu

COUNSELING SERVICES

The College provides the opportunity for counseling services for students. Counseling services provide a safe place for students to speak freely about any issues or difficulties they are facing. The services are confidential and free of charge. In the fall, Counseling Services will be open and staffed Monday through Friday and other times by request. The office will be available for

virtual and phone meetings and will offer in-person appointments upon request. Physical distancing guidelines and college guidelines will be followed during in-person appointments.

To make an appointment or for more information contact:

Alise Cohen, LCSW, BCD
Director of Counseling
(845) 848-4036
alise.cohen@dc.edu

Eileen A. Piccininni, MA, LPC, CASAC, CEAP
Prevention and Education Coordinator
(845) 848-4030
eileen.piccininni@dc.edu

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

In the fall, the Career Development Center will be open and staffed Monday through Friday and will primarily provide services remotely. Students should call or email the Center to make a remote or in-person appointment.

Physical distancing guidelines and college guidelines will be followed during in-person appointments. A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times. Physical distancing signage will be posted and must be followed

Records of in-person appointments will be maintained in case tracing becomes necessary.

To make an appointment or for more information contact:

Evelyn Fiskaa
Director of the Career Development Center
(845) 848-4032
evelyn.fiskaa@dc.edu

Rose Macom
Internship Coordinator/Career Counselor
(845) 848-4093
rose.macom@dc.edu

COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

Through August 30, 2020, all book orders must be placed online, <https://www.bkstr.com/dominicancollegestore/home>. Other items may also be ordered online.

Shipping and curbside pick-up is available through August 30, 2020. Students who choose curbside pick-up are required to call the Bookstore (845-848-7925) and confirm the details of their pick up prior to coming to campus. Curbside pick-up is the preferred method through August 30.

The Bookstore will open to students, faculty, and staff and resume regular hours with limited access to in-store shopping on August 31, 2020. Orders placed online from August 31, 2020 through September 12, 2020 can be shipped or picked-up in store. Signage will be visible to direct customers to the designated in-store pick-up location. Customers are encouraged to use online ordering as opposed to in-store shopping.

A maximum of 4 customers will be permitted in the Bookstore at a time. A face mask/covering that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times. Physical distancing signage and signage to direct flow of traffic will be posted and must be followed.

CAMPUS CLOSURE: CONTINGENCY PLAN

Dominican College will continue to observe county, state, and federal guidelines along with guidance from the CDC regarding continued college operations. If COVID-19 resurfaces sufficiently and reverses New York State's reopening plans, the College is prepared to transition to remote delivery of instruction and services.

In the event of a campus closure, the College will shift to a non-residential/fully virtual model with only essential personnel permitted on campus. Instruction will move fully online and student and operational support services will be available remotely.

The College will track all reported positive cases of COVID-19 among members of the College faculty, staff, and students. College data will be reported to the Rockland County Department of Health on an incident basis. The College will immediately implement closure procedures if mandated by relevant authorities at the county, state, or federal level. If, however, the rate of infection among students and/or employees is judged as threatening to the safe and effective continuity of campus operations and programs, the President is authorized to initiate closure procedures in consultation with the President's Cabinet, Student Health Center staff, Rockland County Department of Health, and other relevant health and governmental authorities.

If the need arises, the following steps will be initiated for decreasing on-campus activities and or/closing the campus:

- Communications plans will be deployed to communicate internally and externally.
- Department heads will be notified by their respective Vice President of the decision to decrease on campus activities or close the campus.
- An Omni Alert notification text will be sent to all students and employees with notification of plans.
- Information will be posted to dc.edu/campus-reopening/.
- Faculty teaching face-to-face will pivot to remote instruction.
- Students in internships or other practica will be advised of the status of these arrangements by the program coordinator and the Academic Dean's office.
- The Residence Life Staff will implement move out procedures with physical distancing protocols in place.
 - Resident student move out will be completed within 48 hours.
 - Students in isolation or quarantine will be able to continue their presence and care on campus until the completion of isolation/quarantine. International students will

also be accommodated on campus until alternate arrangements are available. Food services will be provided to those students who must remain on campus.

- On-campus staffing will be reduced to only essential personnel. Others will begin working remotely, when possible.
- Administrative and Academic buildings will be secured. Public Safety will continue to provide an on-campus security presence.
- Facilities will continue to ensure buildings, systems, and grounds are maintained.
- A deep cleaning of all buildings will be conducted prior to staff, faculty and/or students return to campus.

Dominican College is committed to frequent communications with the campus community and parents of students regarding COVID-19 and its effect on campus. Each area of the College will work in a coordinated and collaborative manner to achieve this plan.

APPENDIX A: REOPENING PLANNING GROUPS

President's Cabinet

- Sister Mary Eileen O'Brien, Ph.D., President
- John Burke, Vice President for Student Development/Dean of Students
- Anthony J. Cipolla, Vice President of Financial Affairs
- Brain Fernandes, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Thomas Nowak, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean
- Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Chancellor
- Joseph G. Valenti, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Reopening Coordinating Committee

- Sister Kathleen Sullivan, Chancellor, Chair
- Maureen Aitchison, Administrative Assistant, Social Work
- Julie Albrecht, RN, BSN, MS, FNP-BC, Student Health Center Assistant Director
- Marybeth Broderick, Director of Human Resources
- Lynda Chesterman, RN, BSN, MA, ANP-BC, Student Health Center Director
- Denise McLaughlin, Special Assistant to the President
- Colby Valentine, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee

Working Groups

Several working groups were formed and tasked with developing department reopening plans. Working groups were comprised of members from the Student Health Center, Residence Life, Student Development, Athletics, Information Technology, Facilities, Purchasing, Bookstore, Dining Services, Library, Academic Success Center and faculty members including Program and Divisional Directors.

APPENDIX B: ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020 – 2021

FALL TERM 2020	
Aug. 24 (Mon)	Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Fall Trimester begins
Aug. 24-25 (Mon-Tues)	Fall Semester Advisement/Testing/Registration
Aug. 25 (Tues)	New Student Orientation
Aug. 26 (Wed)	COLLEGE CONFERENCE/Division Meetings
Aug. 27 (Thurs)	FACULTY CONFERENCE
Aug. 29 (Sat)	Graduate Education Quarter I/V begins
Aug. 31 (Mon)	Fall Semester begins/Graduate Nursing Fall Semester begins
Aug. 31-Sept. 3 (Mon-Thu)	Late Registration & Drop/Add for Fall Semester
Sept. 1 (Tues)	Dominican College Online/RN-to-BSN/MBA/MSOLC Session I begins
Sept. 7 (Mon)	Labor Day - COLLEGE CLOSED
Sept. 11 (Fri)	OT, PT, and Undergraduate Weekend Fall Trimesters begin
Sept. 12 (Sat)	Weekend ABSN (WABSN) Fall Trimester begins
Oct. 27 (Tues)	Dominican College Online/RN-to-BSN/MBA/MSOLC Session II begins
Nov. 3 (Tues)	Election Day— - CLASSES SUSPENDED
Nov. 7 (Sat)	Graduate Education Quarter II/VI begins
Nov. 10 (Tues)	Last day for withdrawal from Fall Semester classes
Nov. 16 (Mon.)	HONORS CONVOCATION
Nov. 20 (Fri)	Last day for January graduates to file a "Candidate for Degree" form
Nov. 25-Nov. 29 (Wed-Sun)	Thanksgiving Recess— - COLLEGE CLOSED
Dec. 14-18 (Mon-Fri)	Final examination week, Fall semester
Dec. 24-Jan 3 (Thur-Sun)	COLLEGE CLOSED
WINTERSESSION 2021	

Jan. 4-Jan. 15 (Mon-Fri)	Winter Session Classes
SPRING TERM 2021	
Jan. 5 (Tues)	Dominican College Online/RN-to-BSN/MBA/MSOLC Session III begins
Jan. 7 (Thur)	Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Spring Trimester begins
Jan. 8 (Fri)	OT, PT and Undergraduate Weekend Spring Trimesters begin
Jan. 9 (Sat)	Weekend ABSN (WABSN) Spring Trimester Begins
Jan. 13 (Wed)	Spring Semester Registration
Jan. 14 (Thur)	COLLEGE CONFERENCE
Jan 18 (Mon)	Martin Luther King Day— - COLLEGE CLOSED
Jan. 19 (Tues)	Residence Halls Open for Returning Students
Jan. 20 (Wed)	Spring Semester begins/Graduate Nursing Spring Semester begins
Jan. 20, 21, 25, 26 (Wed-Thur, Mon-Tues)	Late Registration & Drop/Add for Spring Semester
Jan. 23 (Sat)	Graduate Education Quarter III/VII begins
Jan.29 (Fri)	Last day for May /August graduates to file a "Candidate for Degree" form
Mar. 2 (Tues)	Dominican College Online/RN-to-BSN/MBA/MSOLC Session IV begins
Mar. 8-Mar. 12 (Mon-Fri)	SPRING BREAK— - UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES SUSPENDED
Mar. 31 (Wed)	Classes follow Monday schedule
Apr. 1-Apr. 5 (Thurs-Mon)	RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS - COLLEGE CLOSED
Apr. 9 (Fri)	Last day for withdrawal from Spring Semester classes
May 10-14 (Mon-Fri)	Final examination week, Spring Semester
COMMENCEMENT WEEK 2021	
May 17-21 (Mon-Fri)	Pre-Commencement Activities
May 19 (Wed)	Service Recognition Ceremony
May 20 (Thur)	Graduate Program Hooding Ceremonies

May 22 (Sat)	Graduation Mass and Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony
May 23 (Sun)	Commencement

APPENDIX C: DOMINICAN CARES PLEDGE

Dominican Cares Pledge

Dominican College is a community of caring. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we all share in the responsibility for keeping our community safe. The conditions of the COVID-19 global pandemic require every one of us to commit to responsible actions and to being an accountable member of both the Charger and Dominican College community. I pledge to uphold the Dominican College Student Code of Conduct (<https://www.dc.edu/campus-life/student-resources/student-handbook/>) every day by demonstrating personal integrity, respecting others and supporting my college community. I also pledge to:

Diligently complete my health screening prior to coming to campus or prior to leaving my residence hall for the first time each day

Optimize everyone’s health by wearing a mask/face covering that covers both my nose and mouth when on campus

Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet from others

Integrate the Dominican Cares Pledge into my daily routine

Navigate the new protocols for entering and exiting buildings, proceeding up and down staircases, walking specific directions within hallways, elevator occupancy and any other posted signage

Inspire others by my actions to protect myself and the community by practicing proper hand washing often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and respiratory etiquette, (e.g. covering my cough or sneeze)

Confirm that my contact data is up to date in the Registrar’s Office

Avoid Bias Based Discrimination. The current COVID-19 outbreak has provoked discriminatory behaviors against people of certain ethnic backgrounds as well as anyone perceived to have been in contact with the virus. We know that the virus is not a respecter of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical ability. During this time of great uncertainty based on the COVID-19 Pandemic, I will treat my peers, the faculty, and staff with the respect every human being deserves

Neither will I have guests on campus or in my room, hold or attend gatherings over the maximum number allowed by Dominican College and Rockland County. If outside of Rockland County I will adhere to local directives as well

Contact Student Health Center or my personal physician if I am not feeling well and follow instructions

Answer any questions regarding contact tracing promptly, honestly and completely and allow for well checks as deemed necessary by the College

Reap the benefits of a Flu vaccine when available on campus or provided by my personal physician

Employ patience and understanding as everyone adapts to new protocols and make efforts to be part of the solution

Support others in my community by listening and assisting when I can

EDUCATE
the Mind

DEVELOP
the Self



SERVE
the Community

INSPIRE
Change

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