



**MOUNT VERNON**  
NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

**FALL 2021**

**A COMPREHENSIVE WELLNESS AND ACADEMIC PLAN  
FOR A SAFE FALL SEMESTER  
FOR OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY**



# THE SEMESTER YOU HAVE WAITED FOR.

In less than a month, you will be on campus and ready to begin or continue your MVNU Experience. We've been planning all summer for your arrival and the most robust campus experience we've been able to offer since 2019!

To provide you with an MVNU Experience that offers full access to the people, events, and opportunities that you love, and want as part of your college experience, we will continue to monitor the health and safety of our campus and our surrounding community.

As you will see, we are planning for the least restrictive MVNU Experience while also following guidance from health officials. Even as we release our plan, the number of cases is rising and recommendations from health care officials are changing. It is becoming apparent that we will be making changes, maybe even before you move in. We will rely on you to help us navigate Fall semester under these guidelines and any additional protocols deemed necessary by health and medical experts.

## FALL 2021 GUIDELINES

### VACCINATIONS

Local, state, and federal health agencies recommend vaccination against COVID-19. MVNU shares the philosophy that herd immunity strengthens our ability to control and limit virus spread to maintain a healthy and safe campus community that cares for ourselves and others. *While we are not requiring vaccination, we are strongly recommending vaccination.* The higher our vaccination rate, the more open our campus can operate.

Note: Some MVNU partner organizations may require our students to vaccinate in order to participate in clinicals, fields, or internships.

### REPORT VACCINATION STATUS

Students, staff, and faculty should report vaccination by sending a photo or scan of their vaccination card to [nurse@mvnu.edu](mailto:nurse@mvnu.edu) or submit [here](#). Cards should be submitted by Aug. 23 to properly document any exemptions before the start of classes. If you are in the process of being vaccinated, please submit your card after you receive your second dose.

All health information is subject to HIPAA and FERPA regulations meaning access to your vaccination records is highly restricted.

### SALIVA SURVEILLANCE SCREENING

#### Symptomatic screening

- All individuals (regardless of vaccination status) who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to submit a sample for saliva screening. The MVNU Student Health Services Nurse will provide additional instruction on next steps.

#### Asymptomatic screening

- Vaccinated individuals are exempt from asymptomatic surveillance screening. (Please see section "Report Vaccination Status" above to submit information for exemption.)
- Beginning Aug. 30, a weekly random selection of unvaccinated residential and commuter students, staff, and faculty will be required to submit a saliva sample for screening that week.
- Students in clinicals, fields, or internships may be required to submit weekly screenings at the direction of the host organization. Screening could be in addition to required vaccination.
- MVNU reserves the right to mandate screenings, regardless of vaccination status, at any time during the semester should conditions on campus or in the local community require it.

## CONFIRMATORY PCR TESTING

Individuals with saliva screenings requiring next steps must submit to a confirmatory PCR or rapid test as directed by the MVNU Student Health Services Nurse. To reach the nurse, email [nurse@mvnu.edu](mailto:nurse@mvnu.edu) or call/text 740-507-0275.

## QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

You **quarantine** when you might have been exposed to the virus.  
You **isolate** when you have been infected with the virus, even if you don't have symptoms.

As the campus returns to full capacity in classrooms, the cafeteria, athletic events, etc., contact tracing will be critical to our response to identify those who may need to be quarantined as a result of having been exposed to someone testing positive for COVID-19.

- Those who are fully vaccinated will be exempt from quarantine.
- During the contact tracing processes, roommates and significant others will automatically be placed in quarantine, unless they are exempt.
- On-campus quarantine and isolation space is reserved for those who live more than six (6) hours from campus, based on Google Maps. Those living less than six (6) hours from campus will be required to quarantine/isolate at home. All residential students must complete the Quarantine Acknowledgment and Petition form found at [return.mvnu.edu](http://return.mvnu.edu) by Aug. 23.
- Anyone living less than six hours from campus may apply to quarantine/isolate on campus (if needed). The Quarantine Acknowledgment and Petition form is available at [return.mvnu.edu](http://return.mvnu.edu) and must be submitted by Aug 23.
- There will be no room and board reimbursement for residential students who are sent home, or placed in on-campus housing, for quarantine or isolation.

## FACE MASKS

Wearing a mask on the MVNU campus, at this time, is a personal choice, with some exceptions.

Exceptions are:

- Face masks will be required in Student Health Services.
- Faculty reserves the right to require face masks in the classroom. Please refer to each course syllabus for such requirement.



*It is strongly recommended that all students, staff, and faculty bring face masks to campus to accommodate the few exceptions, and/or if we are forced to change our mask protocol.*

## ACADEMICS

Classes will return to 100 percent capacity which means your in-seat attendance will be required. Options to attend class through streaming or Zoom sessions will not be offered this semester.

Seats will be assigned with seating charts to use for the contact tracing process.

The Attendance Policy for Fall 2021 is available [here](#) should you have questions.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Chapel will be open at full capacity.

Those who have concerns regarding distancing should email [campusministries@mvnu.edu](mailto:campusministries@mvnu.edu).

## RESIDENCE LIFE

Housing will operate at full capacity. Please refer to your Student Handbook for visitor rules and guidelines.

## DINING

The cafeteria will be open at full capacity with the traditional self-serve model.

Carry out is available with Green on the Go containers (\$5 deposit for reusable container) or Grab N Go options.

Faculty and staff may eat in the cafeteria with the exception of weekdays from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. *MVNU ID will be required.*

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Campus events, intramural sports, clubs, athletic competitions, etc., will be open at full capacity without mask or physical distancing requirements.

## TRAVEL

There are, currently, no restrictions for travel.



## WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE MVNU COMMUNITY

Our COVID-19 Response Task Force continues to follow campus conditions as well as local, state, and federal guidance to determine the most appropriate protocols to keep our community safe and healthy. To do this, we must remain nimble and responsive to the latest facts and information. While it is our desire to operate under the least restrictive protocols possible, there may come a time when we must adjust our plan in order to best protect the campus community.

Students, faculty, and staff will be alerted to any changes in protocol by email, through the [stayinformed@mvnu.edu](mailto:stayinformed@mvnu.edu) account.

Updated Frequently Asked Questions for Fall 2021 can be found at [mvnu.edu/stayinformed](https://mvnu.edu/stayinformed).

Questions and concerns should be sent to [stayinformed@mvnu.edu](mailto:stayinformed@mvnu.edu).

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 6**, New Student Orientation

**Aug. 15-21**, Nease Institute

**Aug. 23-27**, Lead Week

**Aug. 26**, New Student Move In Day

**Aug. 27**, Returning Student Move In Day

**Aug. 30**, Classes Begin

**Sept. 18**, SonFest

**Oct. 15-19**, Mid-Semester Break

**Nov. 12-13**, Homecoming

**Nov. 23-28**, Thanksgiving Break

**Dec. 3**, Classes End

“May the God of hope fill you with  
all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

*Romans 15:13*