

## **Safety reminders for students traveling during Thanksgiving**

GCU is continuing to take necessary steps for a safe campus environment through the end of the semester. Today, we have the lowest number of active COVID cases at 147 since early October (less than 1% of the approximately 16,000 students on campus). There is approximately 60% availability at both GCU Hotel (for those who test positive) and Canyon Hall (for those placed in quarantine as a precaution), with additional beds available at Cypress Hall if needed for overflow.

For students who are traveling during the Thanksgiving break, if you believe you may have a potential exposure to COVID-19 or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, please contact the COVID Hotline at 844-391-1949, option #2, ***before returning to campus***. This allows the Health and Wellness Clinic to review the individual student's circumstances and provide appropriate guidance. We may ask symptomatic students to go directly to GCU Hotel to be placed in quarantine.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, shortness of breath, fever/chills, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea, diarrhea, sore throat, congestion and runny nose.

Students are also encouraged to take a COVID test before returning to GCU, if possible, to help ensure the safety of the campus community.

We want to thank students for their responsible and cautious behavior while on campus. Adhering to COVID-19 protocols has contributed to a safer environment and we look forward to finishing the semester in a very strong way from an academic perspective when in-person classes resume after the Thanksgiving break.