

COVID MESSAGE TO STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

GCU is continuing its transition to having campus operations 100% back to normal for the fall semester as it relates to COVID-19.

For summer school, that means indoor dining areas on campus, including the Student Union, will be reopening. Students and employees should still wear a face covering when in line to order their food, but masks are not required when eating in the dining areas. Face coverings are also not required in outdoor areas.

In classroom settings, summer school classes will continue with physical distancing and mask requirements. The plan is for academic settings to return to full occupancy and fully in-person instruction, without mask restrictions, in the fall semester.

For employees, face covering requirements are currently still in effect in indoor workplace settings in which six feet of physical distancing is not possible.

As Arizona's vaccination efforts, including those at the GCU Point of Dispensing site, continue to reach more and more people, we are encouraged by the decline in COVID cases. For each of the past four weeks, there have been five or fewer active cases of COVID-19 connected to the GCU campus, including one week in which there were zero active cases. This is an indication that the University's voluntary vaccine and testing policies, combined with our mitigation efforts on campus, are working.

As the summer and fall approaches, GCU will continue to encourage students, faculty and staff to get a COVID-19 vaccination and will ensure it has enough vaccines on hand so that any student who wants one can get it during the fall semester. However, vaccines will not be required. The American College Health Association has adopted similar guidelines in which it highly recommends that students receive a vaccine but has not recommended that universities make that mandatory.