

Gonzaga University Off-Campus Student Guide



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To Our Gonzaga Students:

As we prepare for the coming academic year, and in light of the many challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has created for us, we have an obligation to share three important issues that require your awareness, cooperation and compliance.

The Reality of Our Circumstances

COVID-19 is an insidious and highly communicable virus. It has infected millions and killed hundreds of thousands in our country alone. While there are specific things we can do to lower the risk of infection, most people who contract it do so without awareness or intention. Out of our sense of responsibility to our fellow human beings, we must have nothing but compassion and care and support for those who find themselves dealing with this disease. **And we must all continue to work at keeping it from spreading, especially to those who are most vulnerable in our communities.**

As you are already aware, it is the case that many of the activities we have come to expect have been restricted or closed down as a result of continuing high rates of incidence. It is easy, in light of the challenges we face, to give up or give in, but every person can make a real difference in the lives of others – and it is certainly our obligation to try.

The Opportunity We've Been Given

Given the unique and important role that colleges and universities play – even in the context of the current pandemic – Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation on June 24th, 2020. In his proclamation, the Governor directed that universities “... may resume general instruction, to include in-person classroom instruction, lectures and similar educational gatherings ... [but] **only if they implement, follow, and enforce requirements**” that have been identified as part of that same proclamation.

- 1) The **requirements** that we, the University, are obligated to meet in order to host in-person instruction and activities on campus are enormous, and complex. Detailed requirements governing everything from housing and dining, instructional, classroom and lab environments, fitness and recreation -- even the numbers of people who can gather and in what configurations, have been directed to us – all as part of the conditions under which we are being allowed to re-open and continue our work.
- 2) The above has meant that **we've had to develop many plans**. A large number of staff, faculty, administrators and students have been working all summer long to develop plans that meet the requirements of state and regional health authorities. You will see evidence of our effort and, as you join or re-join the GU community, **we will need each of you to become an active participant** in the work of keeping yourselves, and everyone around you, as safe and healthy as possible.

- 3) We share the above two points to underscore the following: **all that we have invested is at risk, if we don't heed the directives of public health authorities and work together to drive down incidence levels of this disease.** At this time, throughout the City (to include our campus and surrounding neighborhoods), social gatherings of more than five (5) people from different "family groups" are prohibited. Physical distancing remains very important. And cloth face coverings should be worn, even in public places where physical distancing is difficult.

We Can Do This! – A Personal Request

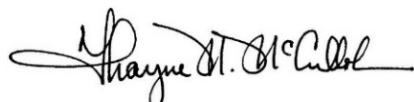
Gonzaga students inspire us; we are always humbled by the depth of perspective, intelligence, compassion and determination shown by Zags. Gonzaga's strength of community is derived from students' commitment to one another, and to making a positive impact on the world. From national championships to service to those most in need, we have seen this spirit and commitment to others displayed time and time again.

We understand the importance of socialization as a critical part of your GU experience. This is a time when we need everyone to join together for the health of our community. We have been granted the opportunity to continue our work. But this opportunity can be quickly taken away if local or state health authorities perceive that we – students, staff, faculty and administrators – are not taking this situation seriously and doing our part to reflect this through our actions. Accordingly, **small** social gatherings, such as those among house-mates and within residence halls, are perfectly appropriate, **but parties and larger gatherings of people – on or off campus - risk your health, the health of others in the Spokane community, and our ability to keep the Gonzaga campus open. Therefore, these large gatherings are prohibited and we have no choice but to hold violators accountable.** Please understand that we will be closely monitoring activities on and off campus, as this pandemic requires this type of responsibility and vigilance from Gonzaga University. We are Zags, and Zags step up and do what is necessary to serve the needs of our community and our collective humanity.

It's important to recognize that GU is not "ours" alone. It is also a prominent, highly-valued, and **visible** part of the Spokane community. As individuals and as community, we together volunteer in, and support, many organizations ranging from Spokane Public Schools, Catholic Charities, Sacred Heart Medical Center and Second Harvest, to the City of Spokane itself. Gonzaga is one of the largest employers in Spokane, and our achievements in athletics and academics are a great source of pride throughout the region. Gonzaga is very much a part of Spokane, and in fact owes a great deal of its success to this community.

Remember: **Zags Help Zags.** In the days and weeks to come, we will be sharing more information about specific ways that the University can support you, and ways you can help yourself and your fellow Zags and neighbors. Let's work together to make this a successful year for ourselves, our university, and the neighborhood and community to which we belong.

Sincerely yours,



Thayne M. McCulloh, D.Phil.
President



Kent Porterfield, Ed.D.
Vice Provost for Student Affairs



August 19, 2020

TO: Gonzaga Students and Community Members

SUBJ: Resuming Educational Programs for Fall 2020

Since early summer, we have worked with the Gonzaga administration to both evaluate plans and provide our perspective on how a safe 'return to campus' might happen. My colleagues and I have been very direct about the risks associated with bringing large numbers of young people together this fall. I believe the university has been taking these risks seriously and has worked hard to manage them responsibly. **Now, it is your turn to do your part. As Spokane County's leading public health official, I am asking you to do your part to keep the rates of COVID-19 viral transmission as low as possible in our Spokane community.**

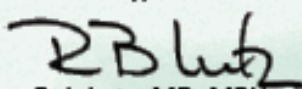
Spokane is experiencing a sufficiently high incidence rate of COVID-19 that service at restaurants/taverns, fitness centers, and other high-risk environments have been limited. I have discouraged the K-12 school systems from resuming in-person instruction, other than for children who need the most support from their schools.

For the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD), **one of the most significant concerns regarding viral transmission relates to the tendency of young people to gather socially in large groups.** Consumption of alcohol lowers inhibition and leads people to take greater risks. While college-age people are less likely to display acute symptoms of the disease, this is not always the case; further, it's estimated that 40% of individuals are asymptomatic carriers who may unknowingly place the more vulnerable – in every age group – at risk. In view of the current circumstances, I am asking your assistance and support in our efforts to lower incidence of COVID-19. Specifically, I ask that you:

- Take care of your own health, and those closest to you, by wearing face coverings, maintaining physical distance, practicing frequent handwashing, and regularly disinfecting high-touch surfaces in your living environment; and
- Refrain from hosting or attending large social gatherings until we, together, get this virus under better control. I know a big part of college life traditionally involves socializing and social events. Given the current circumstances, however, I ask you restrict social gatherings to small "family groups" made up of those with whom you regularly live or are in frequent contact. The state has mandated social gatherings of no more than five (5) un-related persons throughout the county; and
- If you become ill, or think you may have contracted the virus, stay home, and contact your local health provider and/or Gonzaga's Health and Counseling Services. They will provide you with specific instructions and support, and we at the Regional Health District will be working together with them to do so.

Gonzaga students have a great reputation for making a real difference in the lives of others. Thank you for doing your part to help Spokane in the fight against COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Bob Lutz, MD, MPH
Health Officer, Spokane County



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NOTICE: This document is not a contract but rather a Guide for what to expect when you return to Gonzaga. It's important to understand this guidance is subject to change and modification as circumstances warrant and public health authorities may issue new directives, advice and requirements.

The University reserves the right to modify this guidance as it deems necessary and appropriate.

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT: EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL GONZAGA STUDENTS

Every GU community member, **including students living both off-campus and on-campus**, must follow the daily public health practices and guidance shared in this Guide. Our community, particularly its most vulnerable members, needs us to commit to these protocols. These practices know no borders – the importance of continuing to practice these behaviors as you travel to and from campus cannot be stressed enough:

1. **Monitoring one’s own health:** Through temperature-taking and paying attention to other possible symptoms.
2. **Staying at home when ill with or exposed to COVID-19:** Staying at home at the first sign of possible infection or exposure is vital in the effort to reduce the risk of transmission.
3. **Maintaining adequate physical distance from others (at least 6 feet):** Physical distancing protects you and others and is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to the virus and slowing its spread.
4. **Wearing a face covering:** Face coverings protect others in case you are infected. Cloth face coverings are especially important when physical distancing cannot be adequately maintained.
5. **Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette:** Frequent handwashing with soap and water or the use of hand sanitizer greatly decreases the chance of transmission, as does coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow.
6. **Cleaning and disinfecting:** Though transmission of COVID-19 is less common by mode of high-touch surfaces, cleaning and disinfecting them should occur at least daily.

Our protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic are rooted in our shared mission, values and our identity as a Jesuit, Catholic and humanistic university. Our plans are aligned and consistent with local health orders and ordinances of the City of Spokane and Spokane County, as well as the Governor of Washington’s Proclamation on Higher Education and Reopening Guidance. Additionally, we are following recommendations from the federal government, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD), and the Gonzaga University Pandemic Response Task Force.

There are inherent risks associated with the decision to return to campus that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid infection, and there is the possibility of contracting COVID-19 and infecting others. **However, we do believe the risk of contracting COVID-19 can be dramatically reduced** through the consistent practice of cleaning and use of personal protective equipment (PPE). A host of organizations and enterprises in Spokane, such as House of Charity and numerous nursing homes, have successfully done so. But taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Gonzaga is a shared responsibility. **As a member of our campus and Spokane community, you must do your part.** This means adhering to national, state, and local health guidelines and requirements, and adhering to those measures we deem safe and appropriate for our campus and our broader community.

Let’s work together to keep ourselves, and each other, safe and healthy this year.

OFF-CAMPUS ZAGS: YOUR RETURN TO SPOKANE

This Guide has been developed for you, our students. The information presented in this publication is meant to supplement the full [Student Arrival and Return to Gonzaga Guide](#). We know there is a lot of information in these Guides – please note that our [Zag On website](#) has great FAQ sections and will be updated with new information as we are provided further clarity and direction from our health care partners. Please visit that site for additional information and ongoing updates.

STAYING HEALTHY IN THE COMMUNITY



Following are health and safety measures necessary as we work to mitigate the spread COVID-19:

- **Cloth Face Coverings:** Unless you are alone or in your residence, you must wear cloth face coverings when on campus and in the community. You will be provided face coverings and any other appropriate PPE necessary for classes and labs. You may pick up your face coverings at a variety of public locations such as tables outside of Hemmingson or offices throughout campus during the first week of classes. If you cannot wear a cloth face covering due to approved exemptions, please contact [Disability Services](#).
- **Daily Symptom Self-Screening:** Daily, we ask that everyone please use the self-screening app, ZagCheck within Microsoft Power App, to conduct symptom monitoring before leaving your residence to come to campus. You will also provide information about any exposures to COVID-19. The app will provide prompts and directions based on the entered data. **You must utilize the app either via the web or a mobile device.**
- **Testing for Students:** Gonzaga will offer free COVID-19 tests for all on-campus residential students as well as off-campus students living in the Spokane community. These tests will be performed by our laboratory partner, Incyte Diagnostics. Residential students will have tests performed during the check-in process, and off-campus students will be tested during the first week of class. Further communication will be forthcoming with instructions on how to schedule a testing time; completion of a required form that allows for follow up may be necessary. These tests are free of charge and are completely voluntary. Additionally, Gonzaga will engage in surveillance testing and contact tracing in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19. During the semester, you may be required to take part in an additional test dependent upon requirements outlined in the University's ongoing testing strategy.
- **Contact Tracing:** Contact tracing involves working with an individual who has confirmed COVID-19 and the close contacts of that individual. Close contacts may need to isolate or quarantine. The privacy and confidentiality rights of a confirmed case and close contacts will be maintained at all times. A dedicated GU COVID-19 Coordinator and contact tracers will be working with the entire campus community to manage instances of positive or probable COVID-19 cases in the campus community, in collaboration with SRHD.
- **Area Hospitals:** GU works closely with Spokane's two major medical centers in the event you need emergency care. Both are located within three miles of campus.
- **Visitors:** To keep our community safe, we are limiting the number of visitors on campus. Visitors will be required to wear a face covering and, in order to facilitate contact tracing, will need to check in and out at one of the designated locations on campus.





LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



We are counting on you to practice behaviors that will keep you and others safe and healthy. You are responsible for your behavior on and off campus, and there are Code of Conduct procedures in place to ensure students are adhering to communicated expectations.

Being a Good Neighbor

We ask that you be good representatives of the Gonzaga community when traveling to and from your residence. Gonzaga is part of the fabric of our community, and we work every day to ensure our neighbors feel that their streets and properties are respected and cared for. When you leave your house, make sure you have your face covering on, that you are practicing physical distancing with those you are walking with and neighbors you pass by, and that you always adhere to behaviors in and out of your residence in line with public health protocols.



Smart Socialization

One of the hardest elements of this pandemic is the lack of socialization. But we have seen the detrimental effects that gathering in large groups can have on the spread of COVID-19. We ask that you not gather in groups larger than 5 (outside of those you live with) until further restrictions are lifted. We strongly recommend identifying a small group of peers to socialize with regularly to ensure that you are spending time with individuals who themselves will not put you at risk for contracting COVID-19.

Cleaning & Disinfection

One of the most effective things we can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to more frequently clean living spaces with disinfectant products. Frequently cleaning bathrooms, common spaces and surfaces is highly suggested. It is recommended that you minimize time and do not use cell phones in shared bathrooms, and do not store personal items on surfaces. Common areas should be designed to conform with physical distancing requirements.

If Your Housemate or Roommate Becomes Symptomatic

Zags care for one another, and supporting a sick housemate or roommate is a very common part of sharing living spaces with one another. If you or a housemate becomes symptomatic, please contact Health and Counseling Services. We want you to know that Gonzaga is here to support you:

- If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are a “close contact” (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes), you must **quarantine** in your own space and keep safely away from others (e.g., private bedroom and bathroom and no shared spaces) in your residence.
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive laboratory confirmed case, you need to **isolate** in your place of residence and keep safely away from others in the residence (e.g., private bedroom and bathroom and no shared spaces). If this is not possible, Gonzaga’s Health and Counseling Services, working with the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD), can assist in exploring appropriate options for isolation.

Residence Hall Access

To allow for effective contact tracing, we are being advised to reduce the number of visitors in residence halls. When you wish to meet with students from other residence halls, please meet up at locations other than inside residence halls.



DINING & ENTERTAINMENT OFF-CAMPUS



When dining on campus, please consult the [Student Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide](#) for updated dining opportunities and protocols. When dining off-campus, you must adhere to protocols put in place by our local and statewide health partners. Washington state is using a phased approach to reopen food establishment onsite dining. Spokane County currently allows food establishments to be open for onsite dining after they meet all of Governor's COVID-19 Requirements. According to SRHD's website, here is a quick overview of current requirements:

- Bar style seating and live music and entertainment are prohibited
- Restaurants and taverns must implement a plan to ensure proper physical distancing in lobby/waiting areas/payment counters
- Customers must wear a cloth face covering anytime they are not seated
- Patrons must be seated at the specific seating capacities. Standing is prohibited, with some exceptions
- Self-service buffets, salad bars, salsa bars, and other similar communal food sources and drink stations are permitted, but must do so with certain measures in place while following COVID-19 Guidelines for Restaurants

It is strongly recommended that you download food delivery apps like Uber Eats and Grubhub to have the off-campus dining experience without needing to leave your residence.

For additional information on policies specific to dining and entertainment establishments in Spokane, click [here](#).



KEEPING SPOKANE SAFE AND SECURE



The safety and security of campus remains fundamental to how behavioral changes (in accordance with public health needs) are promoted and practiced.

Failure to Observe Public Health Behavior On and Off Campus: There are protocols in place for how to address behaviors that do not adhere to the expectations set forth in the [Student Arrival & Return to Gonzaga Guide](#). However, it is important to know that, as we do every year, we expect the same behaviors to be modeled when you are off campus as well.

Gonzaga's Student Code of Conduct addresses misconduct, which in the current circumstances would include refusing to wear a face covering or not practicing physical distancing. Additionally, Logan Neighborhood residents frequently make the University aware of observed behavior violations that go against our community and university expectations. It is important to understand the potential ramifications that could come from not practicing safe behaviors in accordance with public health mandates and protocols. All student behavior is guided by Gonzaga's Student Code of Conduct which includes our expectations for following all directives from University administration. Failure to follow a University directive or local, state or federal law, are violations of the Student Code of Conduct. All students must acknowledge the COVID-19 Notice & Acknowledgement of Student Risk form; to learn more about the form, click [here](#).

DAILY EXPECTATIONS



We are Zags, both on and off campus, and it is our responsibility to be good neighbors. We are faced with a reality today unlike any before. The consequences of not adhering to these behaviors are significant: we want to keep our campus open, and to do so, we need your help.

Before you head to campus:

- Complete your daily self-certification via ZagCheck within Microsoft Power App
- Make sure you have your cloth face covering, hand sanitizer, and ZagCard

When you get to campus:

- Physically distance (at least 6 feet)
- Wear your cloth face covering
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Be available for contact tracing if needed

According to SRHD, people with COVID-19 have a wide range of symptoms, from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus** and are most often:

- Cough or shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

or at least two of these symptoms:

- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
- Chills, or repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

You must self-certify that you are free of ANY symptoms potentially related to COVID-19 to be eligible to attend class or other campus activities. If you do have symptoms or are positive for COVID-19, you will need to consult with Gonzaga University Health and Counseling Services (HCS) or your healthcare provider before you return to campus. Again, the self-certification process will be available through ZagCheck within Microsoft Power App. If symptoms develop, you must immediately:

1. **Return to your residence, and**
2. **Not attend class or any campus activity**
3. **Self-isolate until cleared to return to class and activities**
4. **Consult HCS or your healthcare provider (when returning after an extended illness, you will need clearance by HCS or your health care provider)**

If you do not need to come to campus, Washington State Coronavirus Response recommends that staying home is still safest. If you do go out, keep it quick, keep your distance and wear a face covering. Recreate and do business locally to avoid spreading the virus across county lines. Limit the number of people outside your household that you gather with every week. If you feel symptoms of COVID-19, call [Gonzaga's Health and Counseling Services](#), or your local health care provider, for information about what you should do and how to get tested.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS AND CONSEQUENCES

Parties and large social gatherings – on or off campus - will not be tolerated and are expressly prohibited, as they pose a significant risk to your health, the health of others in the Spokane community, and our ability to keep Gonzaga’s campus open this academic year. Violators of this expectation (including lease-holders and hosts) will be held accountable.

We will monitor social activities on and off campus and need you to help protect the health and safety of all. If you are engaged in any of the following activities/behaviors listed below, you should expect disciplinary action. The more egregious the behavior, the more serious the disciplinary action will be:

- House or residence hall parties that surpass recommended numbers of attendees.
- Gatherings publicized and advertised with the intent of encouraging attendance (often advertised on social media as “house parties” or “themed parties”).
- Gatherings in which alcohol or drug consumption is a primary focus.
- Gatherings where attendees are charged entry fees.
- Gatherings that are disruptive and draw attention to prohibited activities, including drinking games.
- Using a student’s notoriety or campus position to generate attendance at gatherings.
- Gatherings with the specific intent of spreading the disease (e.g., COVID-19 Parties).
- Gatherings requiring Spokane Police Department or civil authority involvement or intervention.
- Gatherings that result in noise ordinance citations, Minor in Possession citations, or other violations of law.

These behaviors are incongruent with our responsibilities as members of the Gonzaga community, and they will result in progressive disciplinary actions that could include large monetary fines (\$500 or more), conduct probation, loss of on-campus housing privileges, restriction from campus or loss of in-person attendance privileges, and even suspension from Gonzaga University.

Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) is restricting social gatherings to small “family groups” made up of those with whom you live or are in frequent contact. Small social gatherings (no more than five (5) people), such as those among housemates and within residence halls, are perfectly appropriate, and Student Affairs staff are prepared to assist you in engaging in social activity that is responsible and appropriate given the circumstances of this pandemic. We want to support socializing in acceptable and appropriate ways; students who cannot comply with these protocols may want to reevaluate whether it is appropriate to be at Gonzaga this fall.

Compliance with all public health practices is expected of all of us as it aligns with Gonzaga’s values, including our commitment to social justice and for the care, health and wellbeing of all members of our community. We have worked too hard to create an environment where we can return to campus. We need you to do your part to see that this important work can continue. As students, you are responsible to yourself, each other, the University, and the Spokane community at large.

Further information will be forthcoming.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



It is very understandable that you will have questions; following are community resources available for you:

GU's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources	
GU Call Center/COVID-19 Hotline	(509) 313-7070
Health and Counseling Services	(509) 313-4052; studenthealth@gonzaga.edu
Student Affairs Office	(509) 313-4100
Housing & Residence Life	(509) 313-4103
Parent & Family Office	(509) 313-4154
Campus Security & Public Safety	(509) 313-2222
Spokane Regional Health District	(509) 324-1500
Washington Department of Health	Coronavirus Call Center: +1 (800) 525-0127
CDC	

Leaves and Accommodations: If you have concerns about attending class or activities due to a medical condition that places you in a high-risk group, are pregnant, or wish to seek ADA Reasonable Accommodations, you should contact the Disability Access office at (509) 313-4134.

High-Risk Populations: According to the CDC, there are certain people who may be at higher risk for developing COVID-19. This includes older adults and people with certain medical conditions. For a comprehensive list of those at higher risk due to certain medical conditions, please visit the [CDC website](#).

If you inform the Disability Access office that you have a medical condition of concern, they will work with you to verify this information and assist with appropriate PPE access and accommodations.

For a comprehensive list of COVID-19 FAQs, [click here](#).

If you have general questions or would like more information, visit www.gonzaga.edu/zagon or call the hotline at (509) 313-7070.