

Germanna's Return to Campus FAQs

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As we begin our return to campus on Monday, July 12th we have provided responses to some frequently asked questions from employees. It is important to remember that, as of Monday, July 12th, **all** GCC campus facilities will be open to the public.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO AS I RETURN TO CAMPUS?

Returning employees will need to schedule an appointment with Technical Services for the first day you return to campus at your primary office location. Technical Services must complete several tasks with your equipment, including inventory and a few updates on your laptop. To schedule this appointment, please click on the following link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TechnicalServicesBookings@germanonline.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>. This will bring you to a webpage where you may select where the location of your primary office and schedule a date and time for this return to campus appointment after you logon with your @Germanna.edu account.

TELEWORKING

Any employee who will be teleworking (to include Virtual Fridays) must complete a Telework Agreement Form. You have two options for completing this form:

1. Use the [PDF Telework Agreement form](#) leaving off the date and HR will validate it upon submission; or
2. Use a MS Word version of the form at [PDF Germanna Telework Agreement Form effective 7.1.21.pdf](#)

WHAT ABOUT MASKS?

Fully vaccinated individuals do not have to but are welcome to wear masks inside the buildings, shared offices, spaces and classrooms. Fully vaccinated means more than two weeks have passed since receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or more than two weeks has passed after receiving a single dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen).

WHAT DO I DO IF AN EMPLOYEE COMES TO WORK WITHOUT A MASK AND I KNOW THEY ARE UNVACCINATED OR NOT FULLY VACCINATED?

Individuals who have not been vaccinated need to wear a face covering. We are not asking for proof of vaccination but expect the individual to be respectful and do their part in protecting the health of their fellow Germanna community members. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please continue to do so.

WHAT DO I DO IF I OBSERVE SOMEONE TAKING THEIR MASK OFF IN A BUILDING?

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WILL THE COLLEGE REQUIRE FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS TO RECEIVE A VACCINATION?

At this time, vaccinations are not required of faculty, staff and students. Virginia's Community Colleges and Germanna are supportive of COVID-19 vaccinations and continue to find ways to encourage students, faculty, staff, and contractors to become vaccinated. Our leaders intend to closely monitor the situation, both the evolving advice from the CDC and Virginia Department of Health officials and the continued learning about the vaccines. That continuous conversation will inform the timing of any future request to change our policy on this matter.

WHAT KIND OF SCREENING WILL THE COLLEGE REQUIRE?

Self-screening is encouraged. You may use the [CDC Self Checker](#) tool to do a self-screening before coming to campus. Please do not come to campus if you are sick.

WILL THE STAFF MEMBERS BE PROVIDED WITH THEIR OWN CLEANING SUPPLIES OR SOLELY RELY ON OUR JANITORIAL CONTRACTOR TO COME AROUND A FEW TIMES A DAY?

Facilities staff have installed hand sanitizer dispensers and cleaning wipe dispensers throughout our buildings. Additional cleaning supplies will be provided for all departments and office areas by Facilities as requested.

WHAT WILL BE THE PROTOCOL FOR AN EMPLOYEE IF A FAMILY MEMBER EXHIBITS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, BUT THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT SHOWING ANY SYMPTOMS?

Individuals who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they have been [fully vaccinated](#) against the disease and show no symptoms. Fully vaccinated individuals who develop symptoms should get tested.

Do not come to campus if you:

- Are ill, regardless of symptoms
- Have [symptoms](#) consistent with COVID-19
- Have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results
- Have recently been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

WILL THE COLLEGE OFFER ANY FOOD SERVICES ON CAMPUS?

GCC's food service vendor, The Farley Experience, has planned for food service (Grizzly Grill) on campus to relaunch at the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester. Any changes to this plan will be communicated by the College broadly. Vending machines are available at all locations.

HOW WILL LABS AND OTHER HIGH-TOUCH AREAS BE CLEANED?

Labs will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day as allowed by the schedule. Students, faculty, and staff will have access to cleaning supplies to wipe down high-touch areas before and after use. In some areas, staff will assist in disinfecting common workspaces after completing a shift (circulation desk, computers, shared tools, etc.).

WHAT CLEANING PROTOCOLS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED?

Cleaning operations will be increased in all buildings and areas where students, faculty, and staff will be learning, teaching, and working. All classrooms and labs will be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day. As an added precaution, disinfectant wipes/spray will be provided for use during and after classes. In addition, disinfectant wipes/spray will be provided for faculty and staff who wish to clean their personal workspaces. Workspaces should be wiped down by individuals upon entering and before leaving a space. In offices, staff should

sanitize throughout the day as they feel is needed. The College has purchased contactless hand sanitizer stations and sanitizing wipe dispensers, which are located throughout College buildings.

WHAT HAPPENS TO IN-PERSON CLASSES IF STATE GUIDELINES CHANGE AND RESTRICTIONS ARE PUT IN PLACE DURING THE SEMESTER?

Faculty - All classes being offered in the Fall 2021 semester should be ready to transition to remote learning at any point in the semester. It is recommended that alternative (remote learning) plans be ready and discussed with students in the beginning of the semester so students are aware that this change could happen. Class materials can be loaded on the Canvas shell for the class as well as the syllabus so all students have access to the material regardless of in-person or remote learning.

Students - be ready for both in-person and virtual learning in those classes that incorporate in-person based learning. If the transition to remote learning is temporary, those classes previously approved to be in-person will be able to return to campus during the semester based on state and college guidelines and protocols.

WHAT SERVICES WILL BE OPEN ON CAMPUS THIS SUMMER BEGINNING JULY 12, 2021?

Services will be offered in person and virtually this summer. Students are encouraged to continue to check the webpage for support services availability.