



CPG Update: January 8, 2021

Welcome to the first CPG Update of 2021!

This week we have some reminders for students, as we prepare for the start of the new semester. Also be sure to register for the 1/13 Zoom Forum with WC leadership, and submit your questions ahead of time so we can address them during that hour-long meeting. Welcome to 2021 WAC!

UPDATE: Washington College is committed to and moving ahead with our spring re-opening plan. There are no changes to the plan to have students arrive on campus in a staggered manner, beginning on January 19. With a de-densified housing model, the mandate to quarantine prior to arrival and again upon arrival, and a plan for regular testing, we remain confident in our ability to safely bring students back on campus. Classes are set to resume on February 1, with all instruction taking place online initially.

It is critical that students who are moving back to campus or to Chestertown comply with the 14-day at-home quarantine, which for some should already be underway. An influx of students who test positive that first week could disrupt our return schedule, so it is important that we have 100% compliance with this safety standard.

Important Reminders for the Spring Semester

Quarantine-At-Home Requirement: We have now entered the timeframe where many students who are returning to live on campus or in Chestertown should already be observing the 14-day home quarantine, or have plans to begin. This is a critical component in our spring plan. A large influx of positive COVID cases during the move-in period will put us into a Red Alert status right away. This could result in a disruption to the current move-in schedule so it is important that we have 100% compliance with this safety measure.

Flu Shot Requirement: Reminder that all students who will be living on campus or in the Chestertown community are required to receive an influenza vaccine. Proof of the vaccine must be uploaded through the student's Health Portal. An email reminder was also sent to students earlier this week, which included the steps for uploading the required documentation.



REGISTER TODAY!

Spring Semester Zoom

Forum: Jan. 13th @ 5 PM

Register today for our next Zoom Forum, which is scheduled for Wed., January 13th @ 5 PM. This is open to both students and parents, and panelists answering questions will again include Dr. Wayne Powell, Dr. Michael Harvey, Dr. Sarah Feyerherm, Thad Moore, Lisa Marx and WC Senior and SGA President, Elizabeth Lilly.

Click here to submit your questions for the panelists. Like questions will be grouped together. We will do our best to address all questions during the time allotted. Anything else will be addressed either directly or via this Update.

NEW CORONAVIRUS WEBSITE SECTION IS LIVE

Our website has been expanded to include all the details about the spring semester. Check here for questions about our safety protocols, what to expect during move-in, how the campus will operate or any other topic, please review this section. The Dashboard has also been published, though the weekly data that will be populated there won't be available until students return and we begin COVID testing. We encourage you to bookmark this page and check it frequently for updates.

BOOKSTORE OPERATIONS

As with all campus operations, the Bookstore will have adjusted hours and procedures for the spring semester. Tentatively, the Bookstore plans to be open from 9 AM to 4 PM M-F during the student move-in dates (1/19 - 1/30). Once classes begin, hours of operation will shift to Noon to 4 PM.

There is a 10-person occupancy limit downstairs. The textbook department will remain closed completely as this space is too small to allow for any social distancing. In order to access the downstairs area, you must show a GREEN emocha badge.

Students are strongly encouraged to order their textbooks early and have them shipped home.



Important Reminders for the Spring Semester (Cont'd)

COVID Code of Conduct and Health Pledge - Signature Required: Reminder that all students are required to electronically sign both the COVID Code of Conduct and the Student Health Pledge. Deadline is January 11.

We are asking ALL students to sign off on these. We understand that you may not physically be there, but we think it's really important that the entire WAC community is both aware of the COVID Code of Conduct and Health Pledge and is committed (even if it may only be in spirit) to the actions required to keep everyone safe.

ATTESTATION VIA THE EMOCHA APP: We are still finalizing the user list for emocha, the app that is to be used for daily symptom attestation. Our original timeline of sending out the text with enrollment notification by the end of the first week of January is being revised as we continue to process that database. This will be done no later than 1/14. We will send out an email alert prior to the text being sent, to confirm that this is a valid text message and link. Daily use of the emocha app is a critical component in our layered approach to stop the spread of COVID on campus. You should expect to show your GREEN badge upon accessing various campus facilities.

If you are already enrolled in emocha from the Fall semester, please continue to use the app, as you will remain enrolled with no changes.