



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Important action steps to take before leaving for Christmas break 2021

- *Residential students:* Be aware of Messiah's semester check out timeline. **Messiah's residential housing will close at 12 noon on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, for all students** (unless you have already been pre-approved to remain on campus).
 - **Be sure to follow the check-out procedures from Residence Life.** Note: there are different procedures based on whether you are returning to your same room/residence for the spring semester.

[Check-out procedures for students returning to a residence hall room](#)

[Check-out procedures for students returning to a campus apartment or house](#)

[Check-out procedures for students **not** returning to a Messiah residence](#)

Questions regarding check-out may be directed to housing@messiah.edu.

- In the event you would be unable to return to campus immediately following Christmas break due to an unexpected individual exposure, quarantine or isolation, *be sure to take with you what you would need to temporarily continue your studies remotely, i.e., laptop, books, notes or other academic resources.*
- **If you have a vehicle registered on campus, please take your car with you or remove it from campus during Christmas break** (to assist with campus snow removal). If this is not possible, you must move your car to the far corner of lot D before you leave. *Questions regarding parking may be directed to Studentparking@messiah.edu*
- **Remember to return your rental textbooks and course materials before you leave campus.** Details for returning textbooks and course materials, along with customer contact/support information, may be found at the [Campus Store FAQ website](#).

While you're away: COVID-19 health and safety

- During Christmas break, unvaccinated students do **not** need to submit their daily health screening on Falcon Health.
- **Messiah is not requiring returning students, regardless of vaccination status, to submit a negative PCR test prior to the start of the spring 2022 semester.** However, following Christmas break, the University will resume its surveillance/sample testing of unvaccinated students. (This is consistent with the University's approach following its fall and Thanksgiving breaks.)
 - It remains important for Messiah to know from a public health standpoint how much of its on-campus population has been vaccinated. *Students who are vaccinated against COVID-19, or who receive a booster shot, during Christmas break should submit/update proof of their vaccination status to the Engle Center:* Go to the Online Health Portal

(<https://messiah.studenthealthportal.com>); Go to MY FORMS, then COVID IMMUNIZATION HISTORY FORM.

- Please do **not** return to campus following Christmas break if you have tested positive for or have symptoms of COVID-19 (including cold or flu-like symptoms), or if you are confirmed to have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual. In any of these circumstances, regardless of your vaccination status, you should immediately complete the Falcon Health Check-In on FalconLink; the Engle Center will then contact you with an individual plan of action/return *when they reopen on Jan. 4, 2022*.

Medical and mental health and well-being while on break

- **Note:** The Engle Center will be closed starting Dec. 22, 2021, and will reopen on Jan. 4, 2022.
- During break, you are encouraged to reach out for help or guidance from your primary care provider, psychologist/mental health clinician, or to utilize Messiah's FalconCare 24/7 telehealth service if you are feeling sad, anxious or hopeless or if you feel emotional distress of any kind.
 - You may download the FalconCare app and register to have access to Messiah's free 24/7 student telehealth service while you are on break. Learn more at www.messiah.edu/falconcare.
- While away from campus, you are also encouraged to consult your primary care provider as needed, especially if you have any preexisting conditions or develop any possible symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you haven't already, consider getting your flu shot while you're away from campus for Christmas break.