



UNDERGRADUATE COMMUTER STUDENTS

Action Steps to Take before Coming to Campus: COVID-19 Health and Safety Preparedness

- Use pre-arrival precautions: All undergraduate commuter students are expected follow COVID 19 health and safety best practices in anticipation to the start of the semester and throughout the semester.** This includes:
 - Wash your hands often and practice good hygiene.
 - If you must leave your home for any reason, wear a mask, practice strict social distancing and be vigilant in hand-washing.
 - Arrange for routine medical appointments to occur more than two weeks before your arrival on campus.
 - Avoid public areas including malls, theaters and large public gathering spaces.
 - Monitor your temperature daily and watch for symptoms. If symptoms develop, call your health care provider BEFORE seeking in-person care.
 - Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
 - Postpone any travel.

- If you would like to change your student status (residential, commuter or fully remote) from what you previously declared, you may do so through July 31, 2020.** To do so, please click on the Contract tab on The Nest at www.messiah.edu/theNest, select and read the new housing contract that you would like to change to; mark that you have read the contract; and click the “sign” button in the bottom right.

- Watch for the “Life as a Falcon 20-21” email** the week of July 13.

- Student athletes**– look for an email and follow instructions about pre-arrival preparation.

- Find the Falcon Health COVID-19 program on Messiah’s FalconLink portal** messiah.edu/falconlink (you will use this to enter your daily health check-in once you come to campus).

- Familiarize yourself with Messiah’s new student welcome week schedule and procedures** (they are different from past years’ due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions). Visit the Welcome Week website at www.messiah.edu/welcomeweek.

- Watch for an email and video from President Phipps** in early August.
 - Read and electronically sign the Community Promise that the email will contain.

- Continue to watch your Messiah email in the weeks ahead** for updates and reminders about your return to campus.