



UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUTER STUDENT  
Fall semester 2021 pre-arrival “checklist”  
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**PRIOR TO PHYSICALLY RETURNING TO CAMPUS IN AUGUST 2021**

- **Students must provide proof of vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 PCR test:** Before arriving on campus, Messiah University will require students to provide **either** documentation that they have received their final vaccination dose against COVID-19 (one dose of a one-dose vaccine or the second dose of a two-dose vaccine\*) **OR** a negative COVID-19 **PCR**\*\* test. (Requiring similar testing last January helped us proactively identify numerous positive cases prior to the start of the spring semester.)

\*Students who have had only one-dose of a two-dose vaccine prior to their arrival on campus **must additionally provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 10 days of their arrival.**

\*\*Only PCR tests taken within a 10-day window prior to campus arrival will be accepted; antigen tests and antibody tests will not be accepted.

- **Vaccinated** students should submit proof of vaccination (for both one- and two-dose shots), i.e., your vaccination card or other medical documentation:
  1. Go to the [Online Health Portal](#);
  2. Go to MY FORMS
  3. Select COVID IMMUNIZATION HISTORY FORM and follow the instructions.

**[How to locate a vaccination site in my area](#)**

- **Unvaccinated** students should upload documentation of their COVID-19 PCR\* test to the Online Health Portal **taken within a 10-day window, but no later than two days prior to, their scheduled physical arrival on campus.**

\*Note: Antigen tests and antibody tests will not be accepted.

**[How to locate a COVID-19 test in my area](#)**

**How to upload your COVID-19 test results to the Engle Center:**

1. Go to the [Online Health Portal](#)
2. Go to DOCUMENT UPLOAD; dropdown to COVID LAB RESULTS;
3. Upload a copy of your PCR test. Be sure your result includes YOUR FULL NAME, the DATE of your TEST and the TYPE of test *or it cannot be accepted.*

- **Unvaccinated students who have had COVID-19 in the 90 days prior to the start of the semester:** In lieu of a negative PCR test, you may upload a copy of your positive COVID test **dated on or after May 26, 2021**, to the Online Health Portal using the above instructions.
  - If your positive test is within a 10-DAY WINDOW of your scheduled move in date, you will need to delay your move in as directed by the Engle Center and the University's Quarantine/Clearance Policy. Upload your test results as directed above **AND** email [covidtriagenurse@messiah.edu](mailto:covidtriagenurse@messiah.edu) for further direction.
  - **For all students:** Please *do not* return to campus if you are feeling ill or symptomatic. Instead, you should contact the Engle Center at [covidtriagenurse@messiah.edu](mailto:covidtriagenurse@messiah.edu) to discuss your options with our medical staff.
- **Requirements for air, bus or train travel:** If your travel to Messiah requires air, bus or train public transit, you must take extra measures to remain safe and healthy while traveling (retaining distance from others, washing hands frequently, not touching face, consider wearing a double or filtered mask at all times).
- **Requirements for international students:**
  - **For new incoming international students already in the U.S. or planning to be in the U.S. for at least two weeks prior to orientation:** We ask that you arrive on campus on **Tuesday, Aug. 17**, any time after 1 p m.
    - If you are fully vaccinated, you do **not** need to self-quarantine prior to your arrival on campus.
    - If you are unvaccinated, a **7-day self-quarantine is required** for international travelers upon arrival in the U.S. (note that this is a change from the June 8 email requiring a 14-day self-quarantine).
    - **Important reminder:** you must provide either proof of vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 PCR test prior to your physical arrival on campus.
  - **For new incoming vaccinated students who are flying internationally directly to Messiah:** You should plan to **arrive on Tuesday, Aug. 17**, for move-in/orientation. Quarantine will **not** be required upon arrival for students who have submitted proof of full vaccination AND have RECEIVED EMAIL VERIFICATION of full vaccination status from the Engle Center.

**Please follow these directions closely to be exempt from quarantine:**

1. Upload your vaccination card to the [Online Health Portal](#); go to MY FORMS, COVID IMMUNIZATION HISTORY FORM and follow the instructions.
2. Await an email from the Engle Center verifying your vaccination status. Allow 48 -72 hours for processing.
3. Forward a copy of this email as proof of your vaccination status to Amy Nicols ([ANicols@messiah.edu](mailto:ANicols@messiah.edu)); in the subject line enter "International Quarantine Exemption."
4. Await your confirmation email that you will not need to quarantine upon arrival.

- **For unvaccinated students *who are flying internationally directly to Messiah*:**
  - **New** students should plan to arrive to campus **no later than Monday, Aug. 9**, to quarantine in Messiah-provided housing.
  - **Returning** students may return as late as Sunday, Aug. 15, to quarantine in Messiah-provided housing.
  
- During this quarantine period, COVID testing will occur and the results will be reviewed by the Engle Center, who will give further direction based on results. Messiah will cover the cost of the initial COVID test. If test results are positive for COVID-19 or test results are delayed for any reason, quarantine may be extended. There is no additional cost for housing and food during the quarantine. If you need to arrive earlier or later due to visa or travel issues, please contact Amy Nicols at [ANicols@messiah.edu](mailto:ANicols@messiah.edu), and we will work with you to make any needed adjustments.

**Important note:** *This checklist provides significant updates/differences from the June 8 email sent directly to international students and their families from the Office of International Student Programs. Please contact Amy Nicols at [ANicols@messiah.edu](mailto:ANicols@messiah.edu) with additional questions.*

- **Watch your Messiah email for communication at the end of July from the Office of Residence Life and Housing** with more details related to fall semester housing, move-in, and [Welcome Week](#) details.
  
- **For Messiah student athletes:** please watch your Messiah email for communication in the weeks ahead from the Division of Athletics for details related to NCAA COVID-19 testing and other university campus return requirements for student athletes.
  
- **Register for FalconCare (if you haven't already) so that you have access to Messiah's 24/7 student telehealth service** starting with the fall 2021 semester. [Learn more and sign up here.](#)
  
- **Get your flu shot**, if you haven't already, while you are home for summer break. (While not required, this is an important step you can take to keep you and our campus healthy this fall.)
  
- **Continue to watch your Messiah email, the [Together@Messiah](#) website and the [Emergency Blog](#)** for any important updates in the weeks ahead.