

January 7, 2021

Dear Hiram Students,

We hope this finds you well and ready to return to campus soon. I know, we were excited to see the new year start allowing us to turn the page on a tumultuous year. We are excited to have you back on campus and to start the spring semester.

I know this message is extensive, however we are trying to include all the information currently available about the arrival process for returning to campus for spring semester. Similar to last fall, we have kept many of the same protocols in place. All students will be tested upon arrival. We are asking that all students quarantine yourselves as much as possible until you return to campus. We continue to require everyone to wear a mask while on campus. Please bring enough masks for you to stay healthy on campus this semester. Remember, your hand sanitizer spray can be refilled at Campus Safety in the Kennedy Center, the Dean of Students Office in Bates Hall, and the Health Center.

Please **carefully** read the information below and monitor the [Spring 2021 plans](#) page on the [Hiram website](#) for additional information as it becomes available.

#### CLEARED TO ATTEND?

You will want to make sure you are cleared to attend. Check your status at [my.hiram.edu](http://my.hiram.edu) by clicking on the Hiram College Portal, then selecting Student Portal and clicking on "Are You Cleared to Attend?" Please check your status before signing up for a testing time and arriving to campus. If you are not cleared through an office, please click on the office drop down list (plus sign) for further information. Should you need assistance accessing the Student Portal, contact Dray Computer Help Desk at 330.569.5313.

#### HIRAM FIVE and Campus Stay Reminder



We will continue our adherence to the Hiram Five protocol and after everyone is tested we will again hold a "Campus Stay" period for 10 days which ends at 8 a.m. on January 25. Dining services will begin with dinner Friday, December 15 and be to-go only and other services will also be limited during this time.

#### CHECK-IN DETAILS AND SIGN-UPS

**ALL students should plan to report to the Coleman Center on Friday, January 15 for COVID-19 testing between 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. See below for specific directions and the link to sign up for testing times.**

**All students have been asked to make a plan before arriving on campus in case they test positive for COVID-19. We ask that students have a safe place they can return to if they test positive.**

Arrival Testing is a two-step process. Complete the first step by clicking on the link below sign up a testing time. Once this step has been completed you will receive a confirmation which will include a link to the second step – the MAKO Medical E-Req form. Both steps must be completed before your arrival.

## **TESTING TIME SIGN-UP LINK**

### **Important Note:**

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 since you left Hiram in the fall, please email the health center at [goodneral@hiram.edu](mailto:goodneral@hiram.edu) for instructions on how this will affect your arrival process. If you are exposed to COVID-19 in the 7 days prior to our January 15 arrival day, you should also contact the health center at [goodneral@hiram.edu](mailto:goodneral@hiram.edu) before arriving to campus.

### **Residential Students**

If you are living in the residence halls and Townhouses, once your test is complete and you have your wristband, you must go to the main lobby of your residence hall to pick up your room key. RAs will be there to greet you and answer any questions. Townhouse residents will pick up their keys in main lobby of East Hall.

As we did last semester, everyone in the residence halls will be required to wear masks in public areas. You will not need to wear a mask when you are alone in your room. No outside guests will be permitted in the residence halls, and you will only be permitted one additional Hiram student guest per resident inside your room.

In order to keep our campus safe, we unfortunately will **NOT** be able to have any outside guests in the residence halls when students return on January 15, including parents on that day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

### **Commuter Students**

Please come to the Coleman Center at the testing time for which you have signed up. As a note, similar to the Fall, the Commuter lounge will not be open during the Campus Stay period, however the Kennedy Center and Library will be available to use while you are on campus. Please look for an upcoming email containing a link to complete an online check-in for the Spring semester.

### **CAMPUS NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Office of Career and Academic Development has recently moved to the first floor of the library. This move includes Bethani Burkhart, Craig Wilkinson, Adam Santavy, and Kenyatta Reed, who were previously on the first floor of Hinsdale. You can find their new offices, inside the Hiram Connect Office.

**Sunday, January 17 and Monday, January 18**

[Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schedule of Events](#)

# Welcome Back Week!



Presented by the Office of Campus Involvement



**Friday, 1-15-21**

New Year Celebration + Arrival Testing! Raffles, Selfie Station, and more!  
Coleman Center

**Monday, 1-18-21**

MLK Virtual Keynote featuring Civil Rights Activist Nekima Levy Pounds  
@ 5:00pm on Zoom!

**Tuesday, 1-19-21**

"Are You Smarter Than?"  
Students vs Faculty/Staff!  
Live on Zoom!  
6:30pm



**Wednesday, 1-20-21**

Campus-wide PingPong Tournament  
KC Lower Level  
7pm

**Thursday, 1-21-21**

Virtual Game Night!  
@ 7pm  
Hosted by OCI



**Friday, 1-22-21**

Welcome Back Bingo!  
@ 7:30pm  
On Zoom

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