

Lycoming College Plan For Resumption of Residential Education Summary July 14, 2020

This fall semester will require that we all adapt our normal behaviors in order to benefit from the highly impactful learning environment that is created when we gather together as a community. I remain confident that as Lycoming Warriors we are equal to the task, and I look forward to seeing all of you in late August.

This document represents a summary of the Lycoming College Plan for Resumption of Residential Education. A more detailed document will be posted on the College's website by July 20.

1. Lycoming College has modified the fall academic calendar to begin August 20, eliminate fall break, and end in-person instruction prior to Thanksgiving. Students will have the option to take final exams on campus or at home so long as they have reliable computer and internet access. Students who leave at Thanksgiving may not return to campus until the fall semester has ended.
2. Lycoming College has an arrangement with UPMC located in Williamsport to provide certain health services to its students. The College and UPMC have agreed that the terms of this arrangement will include health services related to COVID-19. Protocols between College Health Services and UPMC have been established to coordinate responses and care.
3. Faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus are required to wear face coverings or masks that cover the mouth and nose when inside buildings, including classrooms, laboratories, hallways, restrooms, and common areas. Masks or face coverings are also required when physical distancing from others is not possible. The College will provide each student with one reusable face covering but students are expected to bring at least one of their own to campus.
4. Faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus are expected to maintain a physical distance of six feet from others.
5. Faculty, staff, students and visitors will be educated to the importance of frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, and wiping down surfaces frequently. The College has installed hand sanitizer dispensers throughout campus.

6. When ordered by a medical professional, COVID-19 diagnostic tests for students are available through the College's agreement with UPMC to provide medical services.
7. Lycoming College will screen all students and their guests for a temperature, symptoms and exposure history upon arrival to campus.
8. Lycoming College will employ daily temperature, symptom and exposure screening throughout the semester, and community members with symptoms or a high temperature will be referred to a health professional and, if ordered, have a diagnostic test.
9. The College has plans in place to quarantine students who have been exposed to COVID-19 but are not symptomatic. The College will monitor their health and well-being and provide food service. Students in quarantine will be able to continue course work remotely until the quarantine period ends.
10. The College has plans in place to isolate students who test positive and students who are symptomatic and have been exposed to COVID-19. College Health Services will monitor their health and well-being. Students in isolation will be able to continue course work remotely until a health professional clears them to return to classes.
11. Students coming to campus from states that have been identified by the state of Pennsylvania as constituting travel risks will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon returning to campus. The College will provide the quarantine facilities as well as food and other support services. College Health Services will consult with Infectious Diseases at UPMC in Williamsport regarding students who have been recently exposed to COVID-19 or manifest symptoms.
12. The College will engage in frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas on campus and regular cleaning of all other areas. The College has also purchased touchless door opener tools for distribution to all students, faculty, and staff.
13. In accordance with CDC guidance, all classrooms have been redesigned to allow for social distancing with six feet from seat-to-seat as the standard.
14. The College has adopted a protocol for room cleaning and hygiene that encourages faculty and students to take responsibility for the spaces they occupy in the classroom.

15. To reduce the risk of transmission through droplets in the air, the ventilation systems of classrooms and other instructional areas have been improved.
16. Residential spaces have been configured to maintain six feet of space between occupants.
17. All dining facilities have been adjusted to include protective barriers between guests and service personnel, a policy requiring all dining staff to wear face coverings or masks at all times, and to have all offerings served to guests on disposable paper service ware.
18. Seating options inside the dining hall have been reduced, guests at tables of no more than 4 will be seated at least six feet apart, and high touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized continuously.
19. To assist in reducing the density of dining guests, outside eating areas (tables of no more than four seated six feet apart) have been established at a number of points around the campus: Penny's Plaza, the Freet Patio outside the Krapf Gateway Center and the Fultz Quad. In addition, Wertz Dining Room will serve students only.
20. While the College may hold a very limited number of ceremonies outside and under social distancing/masking conditions (e.g. New Student Convocation), no large social gatherings, parades, or festivals will be permitted on college property.
21. Students are strongly discouraged from engaging in personal travel outside Lycoming County (with the exception of commuter students from nearby counties); and students who engage in personal travel to a location identified as one requiring quarantining by the CDC or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be expected to self-quarantine and report the need to self-quarantine to the Office of the Vice President for Student Life.
22. Both new and returning students will participate in orientation sessions about campus life under COVID-19.
23. The College is a member of the Middle Atlantic Conference. The MAC Presidents Council has adopted the following statement concerning fall athletics:

“The MAC intends to pursue fall athletics competition, with each campus formulating plans for resocialization that will comply with local, state and NCAA guidelines. Competition will be limited to MAC institutional members beginning no earlier than September 18, 2020 and with the goal of reaching NCAA minimums in all sports.

The MAC will continue to prioritize the health and well-being of student-athletes, coaches,

campuses and communities and therefore will continue to evaluate both internal and external factors and revisit this decision if necessary.”

24. All members of the campus community will be expected to affirm a commitment to the Lycoming College Statement of Social Responsibility.

Notice: Lycoming College’s protocols and guidelines remain subject to change in response to the course of COVID-19 pandemic and updated guidance from governments, higher education organizations and health care professionals.

Lycoming College Commitment to Social Responsibility

The fall 2020 semester will be unique because of the continuing presence of the COVID-19 virus. The College expects all community members to make a commitment to the principle of social responsibility.

As a member of the Lycoming College Community I agree that living with COVID-19 will require me to make sacrifices and adopt behaviors that recognize the mutual obligations to care for self, for others and for the whole community.

To this end, I commit to:

Protecting myself through conscientious habits of personal hygiene and being cognizant of my own health e.g., fever, loss of taste or smell, chills, etc.

Protecting others by wearing a face covering in accord with College and CDC guidance, maintaining six feet of physical distance from others, accepting a role in the cleaning and disinfecting of places and surfaces throughout campus and adhering to all signs and directions related to COVID-19.

Protecting the Lycoming College Community by acknowledging individual commitments can collectively benefit the well-being of all. I understand that guidance to stop the transmission of COVID-19 is subject to change. I will do my part to stay informed of and support College, federal and state efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.