

Valued partners,

Elon University has been working hard this summer to prepare for a safe resumption of our engaged and personal approach to teaching and learning on-campus this fall. The health and safety of the local and campus community is Elon's paramount priority as we implement significant modifications of the campus environment, daily operations and personal practices.



Before students return to campus, we wanted to provide you with a summary about all we are doing to keep Elon's campus and our local community healthy this fall.

### **Want more information?**

- You can always [read more about fall health and safety measures on Elon's Ready & Resilient website](#).
- You can [check our COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for updated data.
- You can also [read about how we will be using COVID-19 Alert System data](#) to drive decisions through the fall.

### **Important dates**

- **Aug. 14-18:** Elon has expanded move-in across multiple days, reducing congestion and supporting physical distancing in residence halls. New students and families arriving Aug. 14-15.
- **Oct. 7 & Nov. 3:** Rather than a traditional fall break, during which students often return home, this year the university will offer two fall break days in the middle of the week.
- **Nov. 23-24:** In-person instruction will end prior to Thanksgiving, with the last class day on Monday, Nov. 23. Exams will take place remotely after Thanksgiving break.

### **Before fall semester begins**

#### **Required training & the Healthy Elon Commitment**

All students, faculty and staff have completed training modules regarding face covering policies, hygiene practices, using our [daily health screening app](#), and more. They are also required to sign [the Healthy Elon Commitment](#), agreeing to protect themselves, others and the community.

#### **Required pre-semester testing and ongoing random testing for COVID-19**

All students, faculty and staff must complete a [COVID-19 test](#) before the start of fall semester and will participate in weekly random testing throughout the semester.

#### **Schar Center Health Check-In**

[Click here to read about the required health check-in prior to the start of classes.](#)

## **Health policies**

### **Face covering policy**

Everyone on campus is required to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when indoors (classrooms, public restrooms, open offices, common spaces, hallways, meeting rooms, libraries, etc.) Face coverings are also required outdoors when six-foot physical distancing cannot be maintained. [Read the full policy here.](#)



### **Tracing, quarantine and isolation**

- [Click here to read how Elon is working closely with the Alamance County Health Department to ensure contact tracing](#) occurs promptly and efficiently.
- [Click here to read about quarantine and isolation](#) policies and spaces and how the university will support students through these processes.

### **Visitor policies**

To inhibit spread of the virus, usage of campus facilities, including Belk Library, Moseley Center, Campus Recreation & Wellness, Turner Theater, dining facilities, etc. will be limited to Phoenix Card holders for fall semester. Elon's campus remains open to guests who wish to enjoy outdoor spaces, as long as they follow face covering, physical distancing, and hygiene guidelines. [Read more about our travel and visitor policies here.](#)

## **Academics and admissions**

### **Classroom policies**

Cloth face coverings must be worn by all faculty and students in classrooms, labs and studios. Classrooms have been configured to enable six-foot physical distancing, and each classroom will be equipped with a sanitizing station.

### **Admissions and campus tours**

Daily information sessions and campus tours have been reduced in size and also added face coverings and physical distancing. Virtual tours and visits also continue. All Admissions visitors are following campus health and safety guidelines.

## **Events**

### **Virtual-only campus speakers and cultural events**

- [Click here to read the Cultural Calendar](#) (still being updated) and learn how the local community can participate via live stream for Lyceum, Cultural a& Special Programs (Second City comedy troupe, musicians, Baird Lecture, etc.).
- Any in-person events will be limited to small numbers of students only and include masks and physical distancing.
- [Major campus events that attract large crowds](#) such as Family Weekend and Homecoming & Reunion Weekend are being held virtually.

### **Student social gatherings**

Elon will enforce limitations on gatherings in accordance with local and state laws. Students have been notified that they will face consequences, including suspension, for behaviors that endanger themselves and others, including hosting social gatherings that exceed local/state orders on- or off-campus or failure to follow quarantine/isolation protocols.

### **Athletics**

Elon University Athletics has postponed fall sport competition for fall 2020, including football, volleyball, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's cross country. Competition for the fall sports may occur in the spring, depending on decisions by the NCAA and the Colonial Athletic Association.

We greatly appreciate the support of the local community and are doing all we can to ensure Elon plays a role in maintaining a healthy North Carolina. We thank Cone Health, Alamance County Health Department, LabCorp, and others for their assistance and expertise in developing our plans and procedures. For more information about steps Elon is taking to ensure a healthy and rewarding academic year on and off campus, visit the Ready & Resilient website at [www.elon.edu/rr](http://www.elon.edu/rr). We wish you a healthy and safe fall and welcome your input.

Thank you,

Jeff Stein

