

Reopening Campus Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- Daemen College has extended online instruction for classes in all summer sessions scheduled from June through August.
- Daemen's undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies scheduled for Aug. 15 have been moved to a virtual format. Planning is ongoing for the virtual ceremonies, which will include many special elements and interactive aspects to help students, family, and friends celebrate commencement.
- Daemen is planning to hold classes on campus for the fall 2020 semester and the college is fully prepared to meet state and federal guidelines to ensure the health and safety of the campus community.
- Daemen's Emergency Response Team (ERT) is using several guiding principles to coordinate a comprehensive reopening plan.
- The college's priority is the health and well-being of community members while providing the highest quality educational experience to students.
- Daemen Athletics will follow guidelines for the resocialization of sport established by the NCAA's COVID-19 Advisory Panel and is operating under the assumption that practices and competitions will resume as normal during the fall semester. The college is receiving updates on certain legislative aspects of college athletics related to the pandemic from the NCAA and is participating in ongoing discussions with fellow East Coast Conference institutions about the safe return to competition.
- Return to campus operations at Daemen is requiring several measures and safeguards, including:
 - A phased-in approach in 25 percent increments for faculty and staff returning to campus in similar increments to how the college transitioned to an online learning model.

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- Prior to returning to work, a process in which clearance will be provided based on a combination of screening, testing, and mandatory PPE that will be issued by Daemen.
- Once at work, access to a daily tool for individuals to report health concerns that will allow the college to be proactive in intervention.
- Policies and protocols for staff, faculty, and students for wearing protective equipment and keeping physical distance while creating a campus environment where people feel safe and welcomed.
- Enhanced cleaning and sterilization of rooms and equipment, including the regular use of new electrostatic sanitization equipment. Additional cleaning equipment will be provided for each office so that they may take care of their own sanitation of their frontline space in between college cleaning.
- Standard campus-wide-signage, floor markers, and barriers to assist with creating distance while not creating an unwelcoming or unsafe atmosphere.
- Density controlling measures for classrooms, non-academic spaces, and dining facilities to keep physical distance between individuals.
- Daemen students, faculty, and staff will each receive a wellness kit that will include a reusable cloth face mask to wear when on campus, hand sanitizer, a reusable thermometer, extra strength acetaminophen, cleaning wipes, and information on the proper use of PPE.
- Protocols, guidelines, and processes have been developed for students moving into campus housing, including screening, testing, use of PPE, and quarantine space available as needed.

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