

2020 Residential Student Coronavirus Plan

As you return to campus, please remember and observe the following mandatory policies/practices.



MASKS - Per gubernatorial [executive order 20-81](#), all students are required to wear face masks/shields while on campus. Masks may be temporarily lowered/removed when speaking during classes only. Masks will be available in front of the office. Please inform the provost if you have a medical issue that exempts you from this order.



SOCIAL DISTANCING – Students are required to maintain a 6-foot distance to others while on campus. Follow all signs in regard to which chairs/tables/carrels should be used in classrooms and the library. Please do not congregate in the hallways.



SYMPTOMS – If you are experiencing any symptoms, including a cough and/or fever, do not come to campus. Stay home and utilize the distance education platform. Please see the [CDC list](#) of COVID-19 symptoms. If you have symptoms, the seminary encourages you to get tested for COVID-19. Once tested, do not return to campus unless the test is negative.

Furthermore, you may not return to campus until you have been symptom free for 48 hours without the use of fever reducers.



ILLNESS - If you have been diagnosed with COVID, you are not allowed on campus. You may only return to campus once you have tested negative and been cleared by a physician.



EXPOSURE – If you, or anyone with whom you live, have been exposed to a known case of COVID, even if you do not have symptoms, do not come to campus for two weeks (14 days). Please report possible exposure to the school office. You may attend classes virtually.



SANITIZATION – Please wash your hands thoroughly before coming to campus. Hand Sanitizer is available in front of the office. Campus bathrooms and door handles are cleaned daily.



BREAKS – Students are expected to social distance during coffee and class breaks. Please use the Heritage Room for Break Room overflow. Do not share food or drink.



CHAPELS – The chapel room will be arranged (as best as possible) to allow for social distancing. Masks are required and are to be left on (even during singing). The leader/speaker is not required to wear a mask. If you do not feel comfortable attending chapel, please inform the provost.



ATTENDANCE – Residential students, per our normal attendance policy, will not be penalized in any way for attending class virtually. If you are diagnosed with COVID, your professors will work with you regarding attendance.



STAFF & FACULTY – Per the gubernatorial order, public speakers, leaders, and teachers are not required to wear masks while teaching. They will, however, wear masks at other times unless they have a medical exemption. Staff and faculty are not required to wear masks if they are in their own offices. If you meet with a professor, please do so virtually, in an open area, or wear a mask in his office.

Central Seminary is enacting reasonable precautions to mitigate the risk of COVID spread and infection for its staff, faculty, and student body. We have tried to closely follow the [guidelines](#) as suggested by the Minnesota Department of Higher Education. Lord willing, we can have a safe environment while reopening campus.

Residential students who feel they are at risk may attend class virtually at any time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the provost, Dr. Brett Williams (bwilliams@centralseminary.edu).

**This plan is subject to change and revision at any time based upon the health directives of the state authorities and prerogative of the seminary administration. All changes/updates will be clearly and timely communicated to students and staff.