



Hello Olivet Parents and Family,

We are so happy to have our students back on campus! As you know, as a result of COVID-19, this fall we have had to make many adjustments to campus operations to provide an environment in which students can still experience our vibrant Olivet community, while staying as safe and healthy as possible. So far, our students have been working very hard to comply with our safety guidelines and we are confident this will continue, even if a few reminders are needed from time to time!

The start of a new year always brings many questions for parents as they help their students settle in here at Olivet, and we know this year those questions are multiplied as we all navigate the realities of COVID-19. We hope you'll read all of the information included below and find it helpful as we journey through the semester together. Also, be sure to periodically visit www.olivet.edu/update for links to important information about campus operations, important dates to remember, and health and safety protocols.

If you haven't yet seen photos from move-in and the first week of activities, be sure to follow both the Olivet Nazarene University and Life at Olivet accounts on Facebook and Instagram to see our most recent posts and get a glimpse of life at Olivet.

We are so glad your student chose to attend Olivet this fall and we're grateful for your continued support and prayers for the entire campus community. Please continue reading below for additional updates and information.

God Bless,
Olivet Nazarene University

COVID-19 Update

After a smooth move-in weekend and a great start to fall semester classes, we are able to report that the number of positive active cases of COVID-19 remains very low among our student body and our capacity to facilitate a healthy recovery remains strong. In fact, several students have already recovered after completing isolation protocols. We will continue to update how many students have active positive cases, including a breakdown of how many are isolating in designated housing on campus and how many have gone home for their period of isolation. That information can be found on the Olivet Responds page on our website.

We have made many updates across campus to provide for the health and safety of our students. These include the addition of tents for outdoor dining and student activities, outdoor tables and chairs scattered across campus, and increased cleaning and disinfecting of all common areas with the help of two specialized disinfecting machines that are used every night. The classroom experience is going very smoothly with mandatory mask-wearing at all times and all students seated a minimum of 6-feet apart from each other.

As we work to limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus, Olivet has contracted with Collegiate Health Fellow Institute to provide contact tracing and an Olivet COVID Support Line. Our students have been notified that if they receive a text or phone call from the number 815-713-5007, or an email from onu@healthfellowinstitute.org, to please respond promptly and provide the needed information as we work to protect both our campus and the surrounding community.

While there is still much uncertainty and a lot of anxiety regarding the impact of COVID19, University leaders are daily monitoring the situation and working with our local hospitals and the Kankakee County Health Department to ensure that we can collectively provide a safe environment for our students and employees.



Quarantine vs. Isolation – Helpful Definitions

You may be wondering what the difference is between quarantine and isolation – and what each term means for students. The following are some CDC definitions and guidance for Olivet-specific procedures.

Quarantine - used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent the spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms.

- ONU students will be placed in quarantine if they've been exposed (in close contact) to a person who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. Exposed students will stay in their residence hall or apartment and need to be diligent about masking and social distancing with their roommate(s). If quarantine is required, students also have the option of returning home during this time period.

Close Contact – an individual who has been within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 (symptoms or tested positive) for 15 minutes or more. Note: This is irrespective of whether the person with COVID-19 or the contact was wearing a mask or whether the contact occurred indoors or outdoors.

Isolation - used to separate people infected (or who may be infected) with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

- ONU students will be placed in isolation if they indicate symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or they've recently tested positive for COVID-19. Students living within 300 miles of campus are strongly encouraged to isolate at home. If this is not possible, students will stay in a designated single room on campus.

All students in quarantine and isolation are able to continue their classes remotely.

What happens when students are in Quarantine or Isolation?

Meals

- Students who must quarantine or isolate can fill out this Meal Form and have their meals delivered to their residence hall.

Classes

- Students need to let their professors know that they are in quarantine/isolation and will be attending class remotely.
- Students will work directly with their professors to stay up-to-date on class assignments.

Communication

- Students will be contacted on a daily basis by either a contact tracer or a staff member from Olivet's Office of Counseling & Health Services.

Duration

- Students will remain in quarantine until results from the person they were exposed to are known.
- If the original student's results are positive, exposed students will remain in quarantine for 14 days from exposure. If exposed students develop symptoms while in quarantine, they will be sent for COVID testing. Exposed students who do not develop symptoms will not be sent for testing unless directed by a healthcare provider to do so.
- If the original student's results are negative, exposed students will be cleared to end quarantine with a healthcare provider's approval.
- Ill students will remain in isolation for 10 days from onset of symptoms, regardless of if they've had a positive or negative COVID-19 test result, unless they are approved by a healthcare provider to leave isolation due to an illness other than COVID-19.

All students entering quarantine or isolation receive a “How-to” document which can also be accessed from www.olivet.edu/tigerpause. Additional COVID-related information and documents are available to students and employees on the internal portal at my.olivet.edu.

Have questions? We are here to help!

Academic Coaching Center

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- Tutoring
- Writing Assistance

Counseling and Health Services

815-939-5256

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Registrar

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- Adding or dropping a class
- Academic schedules and requirements
- Academic calendar

Student Development

815-939-5333

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- Housing
- Meal plans
- Chapel
- Social activities and intramural sports

Student Financial Services

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- Billing
- Cashiering
- Financial Aid
- Managing student accounts