

WELCOME BACK TO CAMPUS: FALL 2021

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SUCCESS FAQs

Do I have to wear a **mask**?



Yes. Mask stations will be posted throughout campus and near all classrooms. Everyone on campus is expected to wear a mask properly (i.e., that covers the mouth and nose) while indoors. Failure to do so will be treated as a violation of the college's administrative policies. Students who do not comply with this policy while in

class may be dismissed from the class meeting. This incident will be reported to the Dean of Student Affairs and Division Chair. Additional disciplinary action may be taken if the behavior/disruption persists.

Has GCC updated its **ventilation** system?



Yes. All HVAC systems have been upgraded to include MERV 13 filters. MERV is an acronym for Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value; it was created by ASHRAE to provide a scale showing the effectiveness of filters at removing particles of different sizes.

The MERV-13 filter is designed to catch 90% of particles in the 3-10 μm range, 85% of particles in the 1-3 μm range and 50% of particles in the range 0.3-1 μm range.

The District has also installed NPBI systems inside HVAC systems District wide. NPBI technology (Needle-Point Bipolar Ionization) system safely cleans indoor air inside all air handlers (HVAC systems). NPBI technology produces a high concentration of positive and negative ions, delivering them to the space via the ventilation system. Within the air stream, ions attach to particles, where they combine, become larger, and are more easily filtered from the air. When ions encounter pathogens, they disrupt the pathogens' surface proteins, rendering them inactive.

How can I help control the spread of **germs**?



Health guidelines recommend that people **wash hands with soapy water for 20 seconds**. If this is not an option, people may use **hand sanitizers** to help control the spread of germs. Restrooms and hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the campus, and near each classroom. If you find one of these

stations or any soap dispenser empty, please inform a college employee immediately.

What is the college's **COVID Protocol**?



Faculty will take attendance during each class meeting. This will help us more effectively contact trace in the unlikely event that a case of COVID is reported on campus. If a student reports a positive diagnosis of COVID, the faculty member will immediately

notify their Dean and Division Chair. The College will then notify anyone who has been in contact with the person diagnosed with COVID.

The CDC Policy regarding **COVID Contact, Quarantine, and Isolation** can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Per the CDC, students, staff, and educators who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should receive diagnostic testing and should begin quarantine. Exceptions to this can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

We place a very high priority on your learning and success, but we equally value your health and safety. If you have concerns, please let us know. The Health Center's hours and access information can be found at: <https://www.glendale.edu/students/student-services/health-center>

How do I schedule a **vaccination** appointment?

It's easy. You can schedule an appointment for vaccination via the following sites:

- <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/>
- <https://myturn.ca.gov>
- <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/management-services/communications-community-relations/covid-19-local-vaccine-information>

Where can I **study, eat, & relax** on campus?



You have options. Students will have access to **outdoor seating** areas around campus, in addition to the **Learning Commons** and **Student Center**. The hours for the Learning Commons are still being finalized and may be subject to change.

You can check [here](#) for more information about hours. The **college's food services, including Starbucks**, will be open during the fall.

Where I can **learn more about GCC**?

The **Welcome Center** is open to students in-person. Information about in person and remote access to the Welcome Center can be found [here](#).

Can I check out a **Laptop**?



Yes. The Library has devices that students can check out for the entire semester. This is a great resource for classes that require technology to complete assessments. To check out a laptop, chromebook, or other device, go to: <https://campusguides.glendale.edu/libraryupdates/laptops>

Is the **bookstore** open?

Yes. More information can be found at: <https://www.glendale.edu/students/campus-resources/bookstore>

How do I meet with my **counselor**?

Academic counseling will not be open in-person to students. Students can go [here](#) for more information about **remote appointments**.

How can I access the **Library**?

The Library will be open **remotely**. It will not be open in-person to students during the Fall semester. Information about the Library's hours and resources are [here](#).

How can I access the **Learning Center**?

The Learning Center will not be open to students. Information about **remote access** to the Learning Center can be found [here](#).

How do I contact **Campus Police**?

Campus Police are available on campus. If you need assistance or additional info, go to: <https://www.glendale.edu/about-gcc/college-police> For emergencies, please call (818) 409-5911

Where can I find **additional information**?

College updates associated with our return to campus can be found at: <https://www.glendale.edu/students/return-campus-students>