Following careful deliberation and planning, Cardinal Stritch University will open its campus for the Fall 2020 semester. Using the best information available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American College Health Association (ACHA) and the North Shore Health Department (NSHD), we are proud to announce the Stritch Unstopped plan that details the re-opening of campus.

Three committees—Campus Life, Academic Delivery and Public Health and Safety—provided guidance and recommendations on how best to prepare for the safe return of our students, staff, faculty and guests. Several factors were considered while deciding on the changes that needed to be implemented, including the delicate balance of providing a positive collegiate experience for students and prioritizing the safety and health of the University community as a whole.

As the phased re-opening of the Stritch campus begins, a series of protocols have been established to maintain an environment that protects our students, faculty, staff and guests. The information provided here details changes that have been made and will impact campus life. We anticipate the need to revise existing protocols and develop additional measures based on the outcome of the phased re-opening of campus this summer. Updates will be shared prior to the start of the fall semester. Please visit stritch.edu/stritch-unstopped for information.

In shaping this initial plan, and as we continue to adapt our protocols based on evolving information on this global pandemic, we are mindful of the ways our Franciscan values must guide our plans. We will fortify our decisions and actions based on recommendations from the CDC, ACHA and NSHD while maintaining our commitment to creating a caring community, showing compassion, making peace and reverencing all of creation. Our actions will be prudent and responsible without ever forgetting that we are entrusted with the care not only of our students, faculty, staff and guests, but of the families and communities close to them as well. While physical safety is important, we are equally attentive to the mental and emotional concerns of our campus community.

A COVID-19 Response Team will meet regularly to review and address a variety of issues and make recommendations to University leaders.
PHASED RE-OPENING OF CAMPUS

The first phase of Stritch Unstopped is the gradual re-opening of campus to staff members. Faculty will be part of a future phase of the re-opening plan. If a faculty member needs to come to campus, prior approval from the respective dean must be received. It is important to remember that approval to return to campus is exclusively for employees at this time. No guests will be allowed on campus with the exception of admitted and prospective students and their family members.

Before employees may return to campus, they will be required to complete four SafeColleges online trainings. Once these trainings are successfully completed, Human Resources will inform the employee’s supervisor that the employee is approved to return to campus. The supervisor will email the employee and copy HR, advising the employee of the safety protocols expected to be followed while on campus. These protocols will be reviewed on a regular basis.

STRITCH UNSTOPPED SAFETY PROTOCOLS – SUMMER 2020

1. All employees should perform daily self-monitoring which includes asking the following questions:
   - Take your temperature daily. Do you have a fever of 100.4 or greater?
   - Do you have a new or worsening cough?
   - Do you have a new or worsening sore throat?
   - Are you having difficulty breathing or shortness of breath?
   - Are you experiencing a complete loss of taste/smell?
   - Do you have new or worsening chills or muscle aches?
   - Have you been in close contact (15 minutes or longer and less than 6 feet away) from someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
   - Have you traveled to a domestic CDC “hot zone” or international destination or on a bus, train, plane or ship within the last 14 days?

   If you answer YES to any of these questions, do NOT come to campus. Contact your supervisor immediately.

2. All employees and guests should enter at the Bonaventure Hall Welcome Desk or the Lot 7 entrance.

3. All employees and guests are required to wear masks when in public places on campus, should practice safe social distancing, and should be mindful of the importance of hand-washing and respiratory etiquette. The only guests who are permitted on campus are admitted and prospective students and their family members.

4. During the summer phased re-opening, employees are required to stay in their general work area and limit movement on campus, unless it is work-related. Campus tours are exempt from this protocol.

5. Restroom usage is restricted to facilities in the Union and on the first and second floors of Bonaventure Hall.

6. Employees are requested to clean their work areas and commonly used shared items with disinfectants. Contact your supervisor for cleaning supplies.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Before returning to campus, all students must complete four SafeColleges online safety training modules. The trainings will take approximately 45–60 minutes to complete. Further information and instructions will be sent to student Wolfmail accounts by July 6.

In order to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, and in alignment with our Franciscan values, all Stritch community members will be required to wear face coverings when in public spaces on campus, including classrooms. Prominent signage will reinforce best practices for frequent hand-washing, social distancing and using hand sanitizers.
Important Fall 2020 Dates
The academic calendar has been modified and can be accessed at stritch.edu/academiccalendar. Key dates include:

- New student residence hall move-in: Thursday, August 20
- New Undergraduate Student Orientation program: Thursday, August 20–Sunday, August 23
- Classes begin on Monday, August 24
- Stritch Service Day, scheduled for Thursday, October 1, will be rescheduled
- Long Weekend Break scheduled for Friday, October 16–Sunday, October 18 has been cancelled
- Face-to-face class instruction will end on Friday, November 20
- Classes will continue in an online format starting Monday, November 23
- Thanksgiving Break is Thursday, November 26–Sunday, November 29
- Online classes resume Monday, November 30
- December Doctoral Weekend will be held online Friday, December 4–Sunday, December 6
- Final exams will be held online from Saturday, December 5–Friday, December 11

Campus Protocols
All students, faculty and staff will be required to display their Stritch ID while on campus. Guests will be required to register their name and telephone number and will be provided a Temporary Visitor badge which must be worn while on campus.

Academic Delivery
Instruction will be delivered in a face-to-face manner with social distancing measures in place. Some classes may be delivered in a hybrid manner (face-to-face and online) depending on class size. Faculty will be flexible in delivery of instruction to accommodate students who are not well and unable to attend class.

New classroom and laboratory capacity limits have been identified based on CDC recommendations for social distancing. Increased and enhanced cleaning protocols for all campus areas will be implemented.

Students who have internships, clinical assignments and student teaching assignments will be expected to follow health and safety guidelines of the host organization. The University will work closely with these organizations and provide guidance to students as it becomes available.

Housing & Residence Life
We are eager to welcome students back to the residence halls this fall. Returning students will notice the modifications made for the health and safety of our residential community. There are physical changes, as well as policy and procedural modifications. Only single-occupancy accommodations will be offered. The number of students allowed to live in a suite-style room will be reduced. There will be modifications to room pricing, yet we remain committed to providing affordable on-campus housing.

For the 2020–2021 academic year only, the first-year housing residency policy will be waived so that students who live close enough to Stritch have the option to commute instead of being required to live on campus. Residence hall selection priority will be given to international students, out-of-state residents and students who live more than 30 miles from campus. As always, students who do not have reliable transportation and/or a safe home environment will be allowed to live in the residence halls. Move-in days will be lengthened to reduce the number of people in the building at any given time. Final housing will be assigned beginning July 11.

No guests will be permitted in the residence halls during the Fall 2020 semester.
Dining Services

Meal plans and on-campus food services will be offered, and extra precautions have been put in place to ensure safety. All Food Services staff have been required to participate in COVID-19 re-opening training for restaurants and dining services. Self-serve stations have been replaced, and meals will be prepared and served by staff who will be required to wear masks.

Face-to-Face Service Centers

Service centers such as the Welcome Desk, Office of Information Systems Help Desk, Business Office, Financial Aid, Residence Hall front desks, Library service desks, Athletics service desk and Food Services are vital for campus operations.

Plexiglass dividers have been installed in these areas. Hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes are available at each location. Cleaning procedures have been established and will be followed after all interactions.

Leadership Commons, Great Hall and other common areas

Common areas such as the Leadership Commons, Great Hall, Bonaventure Hall second floor, Clare Hall Lounge and Union provide opportunities to build community. The number of people in these common areas will be limited to adhere to social distancing practices and help keep the areas clean. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will occur in these areas and hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes will be available. Signage will reinforce the need for social distancing and cleaning protocols.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Our fall sports teams will compete with modifications based on the NAIA and Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) guidelines that include a later start date and reduction in the number of competitions allowed. Student-athletes will receive additional information about early residence hall move-in and pre-season practices directly from their coaches.

Athletics Facilities

The use of all athletics and fitness facilities is limited to student-athletes, coaches and Intercollegiate Athletics personnel. A check-in and check-out process using Stritch IDs will be implemented. All equipment will be cleaned with disinfectants following use. Locker room use is limited to student-athletes. There will be no overnight storage of items in locker rooms. Athletic training services/treatments will be by appointment only. There will be no walk-in services/treatments. Athletics facilities are not available for rent to outside groups.
RESOURCES

Stritch Health Services: Clare Hall 147; (414) 410-4097

North Shore Health Department: nshealthdept.org/CommunicableDiseases/COVID19.aspx

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

Preventative actions to stay healthy, protect your well-being and others

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Per CDC recommendation, consider getting an annual influenza vaccine (flu shot).