

FORDHAM FORWARD

# THE FORDHAM FORWARD RETURN-TO-CAMPUS GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



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CARING FOR  
THE WHOLE OF US**

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Since 1841, Fordham has been sustained by the strength and character of its community—a community of people committed to pursuing wisdom and learning in the service of others. At perhaps no other time in our history has this sense of community and shared purpose been tested in more challenging ways than during the ongoing global health emergency. Creating a safe environment on campus is a shared responsibility. Each of us—from first-year students to returning seniors to staff and faculty—will play a critical role in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring that we can resume and continue in-person education, activities, and residence for the fall 2020 semester.

This guide, based on the [University's Fordham Forward plan](#), is designed to give you an overview of (and links to more detailed information about) the vital role you will play in protecting yourself, your fellow students, and your entire community—on and off campus. Some of the changes to routines, services, and daily life made necessary by the public health emergency will be challenging, but as the Ram Pledge emphasizes, the health and well-being of our community depends on the actions of each and every one of us.

Please get started by reading the Ram Pledge and agreeing to uphold its stipulations.



Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).

## 2. THE RAM PLEDGE

All students, faculty, and staff are required to adhere to the [Ram Pledge](#), Fordham University's agreement of community responsibility. Face coverings, social distancing, and holding one another accountable are a priority as we all work together to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. Failure to adhere to the Ram Pledge will be considered a violation of the code of student conduct. Please review and, if you have not already done so, electronically sign the statement below:

As a member of the Fordham community, I take the following actions on and off campus to help safeguard the students, faculty, and staff at the University:

- I will wear a mask/face covering at all times when in public places on the Fordham campus, both indoors and outdoors, and when taking part in University activities off campus;
- I will wash my hands frequently and thoroughly (for 20 seconds, minimum), especially after contact with surfaces and items in public areas, after eating, coughing, sneezing, or wiping one's nose;
- I will maintain appropriate social distancing at all times on and off campus;
- I will self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and complete daily VitalCheck screenings;
- I will follow the directions of University officials regarding face coverings, testing, screening, and quarantine (if necessary), and cooperate with the University's contact tracing efforts, if called upon to do so;
- I will follow University protocols for COVID-19 testing, and report results promptly, if those tests are conducted by my personal physician or other non-University healthcare provider;
- I will follow Fordham's and New York state's isolation and quarantine protocols;
- I will follow University and public health guidance regarding the seasonal influenza vaccine when it becomes available, and regarding a COVID-19 vaccine once a medically recommended vaccine becomes available (accommodations will be considered for those who request them);
- I will comply with all signage and rules regarding access to campus buildings and ingress, egress, and seating in those buildings;
- I will abide by University protocol for campus visitors, and will ask them to submit to COVID-19 screening as required by Fordham officials;
- Fordham is taking exhaustive measures to protect the campus community, and I understand that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to health and safety.

I will make conscious choices, on and off campus, to help to limit the spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. I will act in the spirit of a person for others, knowing that I am helping to protect the campus community from illness.



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## 3. BEFORE YOU RETURN TO CAMPUS

Even before you set foot on campus, you can do your part to help keep classes and residence halls as safe as possible. The requirements are a little different depending on where you are traveling from to get to Fordham.

### *Students from Non-Quarantine States*

If you are from a state **that is not on [New York state's quarantine list](#)**, we **strongly encourage** you to take a COVID-19 test within 14 days of your arrival on campus. You can upload a copy of your negative test results using the Fordham Student Health Portal, which is found under the My Apps tab at [my.fordham.edu](#). You will need to use your Fordham credentials to log in to [my.fordham.edu](#), and once you open the student health portal, you can select the option to upload your COVID-19 results.

Students from states on New York's restricted list as well as students arriving without test results will be tested on arrival. By getting tested before arrival, you can help prevent lines and delays for testing on campus. You may make an appointment for testing now. Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](#).

### *Students from Quarantine States*

If you are from a state or territory **that is on [New York state's quarantine list](#)**, or **if you are traveling internationally to come to Fordham**, you will be expected to complete a 14-day quarantine and provide documentation of your quarantine by following the instructions in [the July 31 email](#) sent to students and parents. Please also be sure to reference [New York State's rules related to quarantine](#) to ensure that you satisfy all of the state's requirements.

If you are from a state or territory that is on [New York state's quarantine list](#), or **if you are traveling internationally to come to Fordham**, you **DO NOT** have to leave quarantine to be tested for COVID-19. You will instead be tested, free of charge, upon your arrival at Fordham.

Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](#).

# 4. RETURNING TO CAMPUS

## Resident Students: Moving In

Move-in is a highly coordinated, complex operation in any year. We are grateful for your patience as we reopen residence halls and move students in under new and challenging circumstances, and we apologize in advance for any unexpected wait times.

If you are planning to reside on campus, it is critically important that you carefully review and closely follow the instructions provided in the email sent to you on August 3 by the Office of Residential Life on your campus.

Please be sure you have made your appointment for

### Belongings Move-In:

August 8 to August 15

### Final Move-In:

#### First-Year Residents

Rose Hill: August 21 to 23

Lincoln Center: August 22 and 23

#### Returning Residents

Rose Hill: August 21 to 26

Lincoln Center: August 24 and 25

No quarantine or testing is required for students or parents from any state to participate in the Belongings Move-In, but the appointment process has been designed to prohibit roommates from moving into the residence halls at the same time, and to limit the number of people in the halls at all times as much as possible.

## COVID-19 Testing

If you are from a non-quarantine state, your move-in will proceed much more rapidly if you have already been tested for COVID-19 and submitted your test results as described above. We **strongly encourage** you to get tested within 14 days of your move-in date.

By getting tested before arrival, you can help prevent lines and delays for testing on campus. You may make an appointment for testing now. Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).

If you are from a quarantine state or territory, you will be tested upon your arrival on campus, and you will receive instructions on testing as you enter campus. Please expect minor delays as tests are administered and results are analyzed and shared.

Testing will be provided free of charge. You may be asked to wait for the results before returning to campus or you may be asked to quarantine on campus. If you receive a positive test result, you may be asked to return home to recuperate.

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## ***How to Change Your Housing Status***

Please use the appropriate form below to let us know as soon as possible if you wish to withdraw from, alter, or defer your housing arrangements for the fall semester.

[Rose Hill Campus Housing Leave Form](#)

[Lincoln Center Campus Housing Leave Form](#)

Please contact your Office of Residential Life with any questions related to housing:

[resliferh@fordham.edu](mailto:resliferh@fordham.edu)

[reslifelc@fordham.edu](mailto:reslifelc@fordham.edu)

## **Commuter Students: Entering Campus**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new first-year and transfer commuter students to Fordham at Orientation, and to seeing our returning commuter students as classes and activities resume on campus.

If you are a commuter student, when you arrive on campus, you will need to check in with a Public Safety official at one of the University's entrances. They will confirm that you have done the following things: completed your daily VitalCheck screening, completed the online Student COVID-19 Orientation Program (sent to you by our instructional partner, Get Inclusive), and submitted your COVID-19 test results and/or completed the 14-day quarantine required by New York state. Students who have not signed up for VitalCheck and completed the orientation program, and who have not completed quarantine or who have not been tested will be required to do so before entering campus for classes or an orientation program. Testing will be provided free of charge, and students may be asked to wait for the results of the test before returning to campus.

To further support commuter students on campus this fall, we will be offering some additional accommodations and guidelines. They include

- Quiet spaces on campus for conversations and study throughout the day (we hope this will help those students whose class schedules include a mix of in-person and online classes, and prevent them from having to commute to campus multiple times a day)
- Campus computer locations to provide a virtual classroom space for those commuter students who have a hybrid class schedule
- Virtual programming and resources to assist with learning remotely
- Guidelines for the late-night shuttle to the subway to assist with late-night travel off campus

Information regarding public transportation for undergraduate students will be provided through the Office for Student Involvement on each campus.

Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).



## 5. | ORIENTATION

The New Student Orientation program is how every Fordham student is welcomed into the University and learns more about how to get involved and thrive as a member of our community. After several optional Summer Orientation Programs, or SOPs, offered fully online this year, the main program traditionally kicks off on the last Sunday in August with move-in/opening day and a slate of events for students and families. After families depart in the evening on Sunday, the two orientation days prior to start of classes on Wednesday are for students only, and the focus is on academic preparation, the support available to you as a Fordham student, and how you can make a successful transition to our community and make the most of your college experience.

On Sunday, August 23, we will offer an array of virtual events, many of which will be livestreamed for students and families to access regardless of location. This year, we will follow an array of prudent safety measures for in-person events, including limits on venue and event capacities. Students and family members will be required to wear face coverings and maintain minimum social distance at all times while on campus in order to start the semester safely.

You can find the detailed schedule for New Student Orientation on your campus at [the Orientation pages](#) on the website and in your Guidebook application.

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# 6. STUDENT LIFE

## Student Events and Activities—On and Off Campus

People and groups who are planning programs and activities for students will be asked to balance the need for in-person events and meetings with the overarching need for creating safe conditions on campus for everyone, and they will be encouraged to offer virtual options as much as possible.

- **Training and Education:** Students, faculty, and staff will complete a short educational module to learn about campus policies and protocols to protect our community's health and wellness.
- **Face Coverings:** All participants will wear face coverings at all times during events and meetings, both indoors and outside.
- **Attendance Tracking:** All organizers of events and meetings must use an RSVP system and maintain attendance lists.
- **Hand Sanitizer:** All events will have hand sanitizer available to participants.
- **External Guests:** Limited allowable guests will need to check in once on campus and will need to RSVP to events and meetings before arriving on campus.
- **Signage and Social Distancing Guidelines:** All events and meetings will have signs displayed that promote social distancing guidelines and reinforce that face coverings must be worn at all times. Lines to enter an event must also be managed to ensure attendees are 6 feet apart in line. Seating arrangements in venues will also meet standards for physical distancing.

Off-campus opportunities in New York City and beyond are critical to the student experience at Fordham. The Offices for Student Involvement and the Office of Career Services will work closely with students and student organizations to help plan and coordinate off-campus events and activities so that students can participate in them safely.



Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).



## Living in Our Residential Community

We are looking forward to seeing students return to our residence halls, but living on campus is a privilege that this year more than ever depends on the careful cooperation of every member of each resident community and our residence hall staff.

Cleaning will be frequent, particularly in common areas such as community bathrooms and showers, lounges, stairways, laundry rooms, and hallways. Students living in apartments and suites with shared living areas will be expected to be more mindful than ever of the need to regularly clean and disinfect their living areas, especially the surfaces in kitchens and bathrooms.

We will be capping and clearly posting limits on the number of people allowed to be in common areas in residence halls at the same time. Hall staff are responsible for assuring that gatherings do not violate these limits.

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and limit our community's vulnerability during the ongoing health emergency, we have implemented the following additional changes to expectations and rules for members of our residential community:

- Students living within the same residence hall community will be able to visit one another inside their residence hall, but they will be asked to observe prudent limits on gatherings and capacities, and to follow face-covering guidelines as detailed in the Office of Residential Life handbook.
- Only students who live in particular residence halls will be permitted to enter those halls. For the time being, during the fall semester, no guests (including any students not assigned to the hall) will be permitted to sign in or enter any residence hall that is not the one in which they live.
- To facilitate contact tracing and limit the spread of infection, all students will be required to swipe their ID card each time they enter their residence hall.
- Resident Assistants as well as campus programming bodies will facilitate interaction among students and offer programs that make use of larger spaces and outdoor areas.
- All students, staff, faculty, and administrators will be required to practice proper physical/social distancing from others in the community while outside of their assigned private residences, residence hall rooms, or private offices. In accordance with New York state and CDC guidelines, this is to protect the health and safety of all members of the community. This policy is especially critical to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for resident students during the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.
- Residence Hall lounges and other common areas will have strict caps on occupancy or may be required to remain closed for the duration of the ongoing health emergency. Residential Life staff will enforce these rules in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety. Signage at the entrances to residence hall common areas will communicate rules for each space's use by resident students.
- Students are encouraged to make use of larger spaces, including outdoor areas, when congregating with people outside of their immediate roommate, suitemate, and apartment-mate groups.
- In addition to observing capacity limits as posted for each space, students must limit time spent in laundry, entryway, and common kitchen areas, and must wear face coverings while moving in and out of these areas and the residence hall itself, including hallways, stairways, and elevators.

Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).

## Dining on Campus

While New York City guidelines currently prevent indoor dining on campus, every Dining Services location at Fordham will be open and providing every menu option, including some items prepared just for you in to-go packaging. At Rose Hill, you will be able to dine in several covered tents near many dining venues. And hours of operation have been expanded (compared to last year) at places like the Rose Hill Convenience Store, where you can stock up on snacks and supplies. The Coffey Field Stadium concessions stand will be open from late morning to late night seven days a week, with socially distanced dining under the stands. Dining Services is also implementing innovations such as contactless checkout. More information is available at [fordham.campusdish.com](http://fordham.campusdish.com).

If you have any questions about meal plans, please contact Tawana Shaird at [shaird@fordham.edu](mailto:shaird@fordham.edu). For questions about special dietary needs, please contact Melanie Simone at [simone-melanie@aramark.com](mailto:simone-melanie@aramark.com). All other dining questions can be directed to Deming Yaun at [dyaun@fordham.edu](mailto:dyaun@fordham.edu).

## Fitness and Recreation

New York state announced on August 6 that gyms and fitness centers must remain closed until conditions change in the state. This includes our facilities on campus. We will keep you posted as these requirements change, but please anticipate restricted capacity in these locations, as well as important new safety rules, if and when we are permitted to open these facilities to students.

Student clubs and organizations, Resident Assistants, and other people and groups will be working to bring you outdoor fitness and recreation activities while we await changes in these restrictions.



Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](http://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).

# 7. DOING YOUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

## Testing, Screening, Contact Tracing, and Orientation

As a Fordham student, you are responsible for the following:

- Complying with all University testing requirements. You will be tested twice in the first month of the fall semester: once upon arrival (if you have not already been tested) and again after a two-week period. You may be selected for random surveillance testing for COVID-19 at least once during the fall semester.
- Completing daily screenings through [VitalCheck](#).
- Participating in the University's contact tracing program.
- Completing the online Student COVID-19 Orientation Program (sent to you by our instructional partner, Get Inclusive) and agreeing to uphold the [Ram Pledge](#).

## Mask Wearing, Social Distancing, and Good Hygiene

As a Fordham student, you are responsible for the following:

- Wearing a mask/face covering at all times in public places on the Fordham campus, both indoors and outdoors, and when taking part in University activities off campus. The University will maintain a supply of face coverings and other personal protective equipment should you need a replacement.
- Maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet among all individuals at all times, on and off campus.
- Following guidelines published for the use of common areas, including restrooms, elevators, corridors, stairwells, meeting spaces, and residence hall lounges.
- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly (for 20 seconds, minimum), especially after contact with surfaces and items in public areas, after eating, coughing, sneezing, and wiping your nose.
- Wiping off and disinfecting shared or common surfaces—in classrooms, computer labs, residence halls, etc.—after touching them.

## Avoid High-Risk Activity Off Campus

We are making extraordinary efforts to create a safe environment on campus for the fall semester, and we are counting on each and every member of our community to play an active role in this effort. One critical way you can do that is by avoiding any activity off campus that could threaten your own health and well-being and, by extension, the health and well-being of anyone else in the Fordham community. We know from tragic experience how parties and other large social gatherings in bars and other places have caused major outbreaks of infection and moved states and municipalities to impose further safety restrictions, closing restaurants and other services. Please don't cause this to happen in New York City and at Fordham.

Students who engage in high-risk activity, such as attending large parties off campus, may have to be quarantined and will be subject to dismissal from residence halls and possible removal from classes.

Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).

## Prepare for Emergencies

While we begin the semester with tremendous optimism and an array of safety measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, every student should be prepared to move to quarantine or isolation should the threat of infection arise. Students living within reasonable driving distance will return home for quarantine and isolation, but others may have to move to temporary isolation and quarantine locations on campus—and you may have to go to quarantine or isolation without returning to your room.

We recommend having a pre-packed “quarantine bag” stored somewhere a friend or roommate can find it easily. It will be so much easier to ask your roommate or a staff member to bring you the “blue bag in my closet and my laptop,” for example, than to figure out and gather all the things you will need for the two-week isolation period.

Here are some items we recommend including in your COVID quarantine bag:

- ✓ An extra cell phone charger and laptop charger
- ✓ A list of important people’s phone numbers written out
- ✓ A list of any allergies that you may have
- ✓ Two or more complete changes of comfortable clothes
- ✓ A fleece throw blanket
- ✓ Cough drops
- ✓ Tylenol or ibuprofen
- ✓ Mucinex DM or Robitussin over-the-counter remedies for cough and chest congestion
- ✓ A thermometer
- ✓ Body lotion, soap, feminine hygiene products, a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, hair ties, hairbrush
- ✓ Prescription medication
- ✓ Tissues
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ A few face coverings
- ✓ A few distractions, even a deck of cards, puzzles

The University will provide linens as well as food during on-campus quarantine and isolation, but everyone should be prepared with personal belongings to take along for what could be a 14-day quarantine and isolation period.

## What to Do If You Are Experiencing Symptoms of COVID-19

Any student experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which may be similar to the flu or common cold, and may include fever and coughing, should self-isolate and call (rather than visit) University Health Services immediately. If you are experiencing symptoms or need medical assistance after hours, please call the Department of Public Safety.

### [University Health Services](#)

**Lincoln Center:** 212-636-7160

**Rose Hill:** 718-817-4160

### [Department of Public Safety](#)

**Rose Hill and Lincoln Center:** 718-817-2222

Please find more details at [fordham.edu/studentFAQs](https://fordham.edu/studentFAQs).



# 8. OFFICES AND SERVICES

Offices and services for students will all be available throughout the ongoing health emergency, but it's always best to call ahead and make an appointment, if possible, to avoid any wait.

## Dean of Students

Rose Hill: 718-817-4755; [deanroddgers@fordham.edu](mailto:deanroddgers@fordham.edu)

Lincoln Center: 212-636-6250; [deanofsalc@fordham.edu](mailto:deanofsalc@fordham.edu)

## Office of Residential Life

Rose Hill: 718-817-3080; [resliferh@fordham.edu](mailto:resliferh@fordham.edu)

Lincoln Center: 212-636-7100; [reslifelc@fordham.edu](mailto:reslifelc@fordham.edu)

## Office for Student Involvement

Rose Hill: 718-817-4339; [involvementrh@fordham.edu](mailto:involvementrh@fordham.edu)

Lincoln Center: 212-636-6250; [involvementlc@fordham.edu](mailto:involvementlc@fordham.edu)

## Office for Multicultural Affairs

Rose Hill: 718-817-0664

Lincoln Center: 212-930-8834

## Office of Disability Services

Rose Hill: 718-817-0655

Lincoln Center: 212-636-6282

## Counseling and Psychological Services

Rose Hill: 718-817-3725

Lincoln Center: 212-636-6225

## University Transportation (Ram Van)

718-817-4346

## Office of Career Services

Rose Hill: 718-817-4350

Lincoln Center: 212-636-6280

## Campus Dining Services

718-817-0904

## University Health Services

Rose Hill: 718-817-4160

Lincoln Center: 212-636-7160

## Department of Public Safety

Rose Hill and Lincoln Center: 718-817-2222

Call Public Safety 24/7 in an emergency or for after-hours medical assistance.

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If you have any questions about this guide, please contact the dean of students on your campus:

Rose Hill: 718-817-4755; [deanroddgers@fordham.edu](mailto:deanroddgers@fordham.edu)

Lincoln Center: 212-636-6250; [deanofsalc@fordham.edu](mailto:deanofsalc@fordham.edu)

