



COVID-19 Considerations

This is an incredibly unique time for students exploring colleges. How COVID-19 will impact your college experience and how each college plans to move forward amidst this pandemic is surely top-of-mind for you and your family. It is important that you seek answers to your most pressing COVID-19-related questions.

Here are a few recommendations of what to look and listen for prior to, during, and after your virtual visit:

1. Review the institution's COVID-19 webpage.

Each OPCW host institution has a webpage dedicated to COVID-19. Locate and review that webpage for each college you plan to visit virtually so you can gain an understanding of their response to the crisis and their plans going forward.

2. Seek out and listen for information about how the college handled the pandemic in Spring 2020.

- How did they handle the transition to online instruction?
- What changes did they make to academic requirements?
- How did they adjust residential requirements?
- How did they handle athletics, music and theater performances, and end-of-year celebrations?
- How did they change faith-based activities?

3. Look and listen for information about how the college expects to handle COVID-19 in the new academic year.

- Does the college's safety plan adhere to the CDC guidelines?
- Will face coverings, physical distancing, testing, and/or contact tracing be part of the overall plan?
- If you were to contract the virus, can you go home and, if not, who will take care of you?
- What changes does the college expect to make in terms of course delivery, residential and dining services, athletics, and extracurricular activities?
- Is the college altering their tuition, fees, and/or financial aid awarding structures?
- What support services, such as academic accommodations and mental health counseling, are available?