

Tiffin University

Restart Plan for Summer Term II 2020 during Covid-19 pandemic

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At Tiffin University (TU), located in Tiffin, OH, we believe we have positioned our institution to follow the Governor's Safe Business Practices and the Seneca County Public Health Guidelines. TU has approximately 1,400 traditional aged students with 981 possible on-campus residents in our current structure. We also have approximately 2,500 students that study with us at a distance and/or online in various undergraduate and graduate programs.

Guidelines that **the University is currently considering** for the Summer Term II semester:

We are currently undergoing scenario planning in order to be best prepared for any possibility. It is our intent that regardless of scenario, we will continue operations with the most optimal ability to serve all of our students, faculty, and staff in a safe and secure manner for the Summer Term II 2020.

Definitions for this document:

Isolation: separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Quarantine: separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

Employees:

- Will complete a health assessment prior to beginning work. If an employee shows symptoms of COVID-19, they should not report to work and contact their supervisor.
- Highly encourage employees to wear face-coverings to provide added levels of safety for all. Face shields may be more appropriate in certain situations.
- Those who can continue to work from home and serve our students will continue to do so.
- Employees will be expected to take personal responsibility when visiting outside the state of Ohio.
- Will limit face to face meetings.

- Will stress social distancing.

Residential Students will fill residence hall rooms and houses based on CDC, State and Local guidelines.

- All housing will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Move in schedules will be designed to adhere to social distancing.
- Provide access to hand soap, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and other necessary cleaning agents for students to use inside residence halls and houses, when requested.
- Highly encourage students to wear face-coverings to provide added levels of safety for all. Face shields may be more appropriate in certain situations.
- A plan for isolation and quarantine housing and will be implemented utilizing campus spaces separate from other housing units to provide housing to students identified as infected with COVID-19.

- No room changes will be permitted, except for emergency situations.
- Students will be expected to take personal responsibility when visiting outside the state of Ohio.

Dining Facilities

- Cole Dining hall will open August 2, 2020. Further recommendations on social distancing and occupancy limits will be established.
- Dining for students may also be widened to other locations on campus and potentially off campus through our dining partners.
- All dining areas will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

Classroom Instruction

- Prior to coming on to campus every day, students are required to complete the health assessment. If they show symptoms of COVID-19, they should not attend class and notify their instructor.
- Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the classroom.
- Tiffin University will be implementing social distancing protocols with students being spaced at least 6 feet apart and highly encouraging students to wear face-coverings to provide added levels of safety for all.
- Will limit any face to face class to a specific number of students and instructor with seating set with 6 feet social distancing.
- Disinfect each classroom at the end of each session before another group arrives.
- Provide alternate activities for students who may be personally vulnerable or individuals they live with who are vulnerable as deemed necessary.

Co-Curricular Life

- Student gatherings will be encouraged to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Continue technological gatherings and virtual meetings as well.
- Social distancing guidelines will be highly encouraged in all student “hang out” or common areas.
- Provide and consistently reinforce messaging on good hygiene and social distancing.

Visitors

- Will complete the health assessment prior to coming on campus. If a visitor shows symptoms of COVID-19, they should not come to campus.
- Highly encourage visitors to wear face-coverings to provide added levels of safety for all.
- Social distancing guidelines will be highly encouraged.
- University expects any vendors coming to campus to be screened by their company prior to their shift.
- The University reserves the right to not permit an individual(s) onto campus who may be showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Athletics – NCAA Division II, Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC)

- Workouts in Hanson will be scheduled through the Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
 - 20 students at once (in addition to coach and student worker) at the discretion of Head Strength & Conditioning Coach.
 - Health assessment completed prior to workout.
 - Stations will be sanitized in between each use.
- Coaches can have voluntary practices with their athletes in small groups.
 - Wrist bands are used to prove they have completed the health assessment.

Positive COVID-19 cases

- If a student or employee of Tiffin University tests positive for COVID-19, a RAVE alert will be sent out to the Campus Community.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be placed in isolation housing
 - A thorough cleaning of the student's room will be conducted after the area has been closed off for 24 hours.
 - If possible, students will be required to go home if they test positive
- Employees who test positive for COVID-19 will be isolated for 14 days
 - Employees who are exposed in the workplace will be sent home and asked to telework for 14 days.
 - A thorough cleaning of the workspace used by infected individuals will be conducted after the area has been closed off for 24 hours.

Probable COVID-19 cases

- Students who “fail” the health assessment or register a fever of 100.3F/38C will be required to call the Health Center at 419-448-3429 or the Nurse Practitioner Cell Phone at 419-618-5779.
- Students will be required stay in their on-campus residential hall or off-campus home and or return to their on-campus residential hall or off-campus home until further instruction have been given from the Nurse Practitioner.
- Employees who “fail” the health assessment or register a fever of 100.3F/38C will be required to stay at home, report to their supervisor, and contact the Health Center or family physician for further instructions.

Because of the evolving, fluid situation and regulations, Tiffin University will continue to make a best faith effort to protect all faculty, staff, and students.