

## **COVID-19**

**Q. Are there provisions to help students stay up to date if they have to quarantine? i.e. join class via zoom?**

A. If a student needs to quarantine or isolate they should reach out to their faculty members to make arrangements for each course. If they need assistance with that because they are feeling ill they can reach out to Student Affairs [studentaffairs@simmons.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@simmons.edu)

**Q. Are students who test positive for COVID-19 being housed in the dorms**

A. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 and they live within 200 miles of Simmons they should plan to isolate at home. For students who live further than 200 miles from campus we have a limited number of designated isolation rooms in the residence hall where they would be relocated for the isolation period.

**Q. What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?**

A. Isolation is for students who have tested positive for COVID-19. Quarantine is used when someone has been exposed but has not tested positive. Both require students to remain away from others for a period of time, however per CDC guidelines, quarantine for exposure is no longer required if the exposed person is vaccinated. Isolation is still required if a person is positive for COVID-19.

**Q. I would like to know more about guests from other colleges? Is there is sign in? How do the other students know that there are guests on their floor? Do male guests use the bathroom facilities on the floor? How is this managed?**

A. Current Guest Policies can be found here <https://www.simmons.edu/return-to-simmons>

## **FERPA and Student Records**

**Q. When referring to student permission being needed for access to their records, is that a written or verbal process?**

A. Students must provide written permission for a third party to access their educational record. More information about FERPA and access can be found [here](#).

## **Calendar**

**Q. What is the schedule for the academic year?**

A. The academic calendar can be found [here](#).

## **Safety**

**Q. Are there campus police on duty in the evenings? How is safety ensured in the evenings for students who need to take the subway, bus, or train?**

A. Public Safety is on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. They regularly patrol and are present around campus, including the residence campus. More information about Public Safety can be found [here](#). Students are always encouraged to report concerns to Public Safety. Regarding personal safety, students are encouraged to travel with others and not alone, and tsya vigilant about their surroundings. As with any area, especially a major city, safety can never be ensured, however good practices will reduce the chance that an incident will occur.

## **Family and Friends Weekend**

**Q. When is Family and Friends Weekend and what is scheduled?**

A. Family and Friends Weekend is scheduled for October 15-17, 2021. Information can be found at <https://www.simmons.edu/events/family-and-friends-weekend-2021> Updates will be posted as they become available.