

**From:** [GSSW Academic Affairs](#)  
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Dear GSSW Denver Campus MSW Students,

As a follow-up to the [DU COVID Coordinator message](#) from September 17, 2021, GSSW Administrators want to thank all the faculty, staff, and students for the extra efforts to start Fall Quarter in-person in a safe way. You can track updated data, messages, and protocols on the [DU COVID website](#).

Given our current Green Level status for Denver Campus, testing requirements will continue. Here is a summary of the steps you need to take to continue to have access to DU Campus and your in-person classes:

- Testing will continue to occur at a weekly to biweekly frequency, and your Campus Access Status in [Pioneer Web](#) will tell you when your next test is due.
- While free, convenient, and quick testing will continue to be available on [DU Campus](#), as of September 25, 2021, you will have the option to upload an external PCR test record to [myhealth.du.edu](#).
- Once you are cleared for campus for the fall return, you may test ahead of your periodic testing date or you may test up to 48 hours after your scheduled test date without losing access to campus.
- You may **not** access DU Campus buildings, in these situations:
  - You are still awaiting the results of a negative COVID test after 48 hours of your required test date.
  - The DU COVID team provides you individual instructions to quarantine, isolate, or that you must test because of possible close contact exposure.
  - If you have experienced any COVID symptoms, you are asked to self-quarantine until receiving a negative COVID test result.

We know this may impact how you engage in your learning activities with GSSW. We offer these reminders of what to expect from your in-person classes if you are unable to join in-person.

- Please communicate in advance with your instructors about possible absences.
- Remember, that GSSW Attendance Policy, as listed in the [MSW Handbook](#) and your course syllabi/GSSW policy overviews within Canvas, a single missed session generally does not impact a student's grade.
- Per [DU protocols](#) for 2021-2022 academic year:
  - In-person attendance is expected. If students are ill, normal policies regarding excused absence apply. Any student placed in quarantine or isolation will be given information to forward to their instructors about the expected duration of their isolation or quarantine.
    - Instructors are required to offer alternative activities to support your learning during the time of quarantine or isolation.
    - For either in-person or online GSSW courses, please note that these materials may be simplified and asynchronous. Full recordings of classes which are offered online, may be available, at the instructor's discretion.

- At this time, quarantine is only required for close contacts who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated.
- Anyone that is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms is required to self-quarantine until receiving a negative COVID-19 test and are fever free for 24 hours without medication and with symptoms improving.
- Close contacts that occurred on the Denver Campus will be directly notified by DU's contact tracing team.
- For guidance on testing, quarantine, and symptom monitoring, refer to the DU Protocols, or you can notify [reportCOVID@du.edu](mailto:reportCOVID@du.edu)
- GSSW is following this DU guidance. Your instructors are **not** required to provide a Zoom link to in-person classes.
- Your instructor may allow Zoom access to an in-person class, at the instructor's discretion and based on the course content and learning activities.
  - Your instructors may offer a Zoom link to only observe a class session, yet your level of engagement with the class activities may be more limited because the class is designed for an in-person learning modality.
  - Instead of Zoom access to a class, your instructor may offer a recording of the class session or other alternative learning activities when you miss a class due to quarantine or isolation requirements, or because of other extenuating circumstances (i.e., something unexpected beyond the student's control).
- If you have concerns for extended absences, we encourage you to review DU resources available to you, such as Disability Service Program for possible accommodations, [Student Outreach & Support](#), leave options, or other supportive services. You can review these supports on the [GSSW Student Resource Portal](#). We have also attached the 2021-2022 Resource Guide for Denver Campus Students.

We know that the pandemic continues to differentially impact many in our community, and we are here to offer you support throughout your Fall Quarter. We encourage you to continue to prioritize your safety, that of your loved ones, and the whole GSSW community while you engage in your MSW education. We are here to support you, and you may [Contact Us](#) at our Academic Affairs and Student Services teams office hours and emails.

Sincerely,

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