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Dear GSSW Denver Campus Students,

We welcome you back to winter quarter for the Denver Campus MSW Program. The last few weeks have brought more reasons for us to prioritize the health and wellness of all in our GSSW community, and we start with a message of support and caring for all that you may be facing related to the pandemic, the ongoing uncertainties and impacts across our lives, and the recent wildfires.

We know the two-week remote/online start is not preferred; yet we are committed to supporting you overall and to continuing your social work education. We hope you are well, safe, and ready to explore the ways we re-imagine our lives, education, and work to support healing and a more just world. As we start, here are a few reminders of what to expect for Winter Quarter 2022:

Calendar:

- **January 3 - January 17:** Weeks 1 & 2 of courses are fully online. You can find Zoom links for your courses within Canvas and from your instructors.
- **January 3:** You may start your in-person field internships as long as your agency approves, and you have completed the DU Campus Access clearance steps.
- **January 9:** Last day to drop a class for full tuition refund
- **Monday, January 17:** No classes for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- **Tuesday, January 18:** First possible day for on-campus classes, if allowed
- **January 26 & January 28:** Concentration/Certificate/Stipend Information Sessions
- **February 16:** Spring registration
- **Monday, March 14:** Last day of Winter Quarter classes

Access to Campus: As noted, the first two weeks will be fully online for all courses at GSSW. Then, if public health guidance and [DU Alert Levels](#) allow, we will likely be able to return to campus by January 18, 2022, for in-person class sections. If you are enrolled in a fully online course modality, those sections will remain online for the entire quarter.

You should anticipate that you will have all of your required health records (i.e., COVID vaccine, Flu vaccine, or exemptions) uploaded into myhealth.du.edu and **your second COVID test completed at least 48 hours prior to your desired date for coming to campus**. Your COVID Booster health record will be required by January 31, 2022.

The [DU Website](#) offers detailed steps for how to complete the return to campus

protocols.

Once you complete these steps, you will then need your [ID card](#) to access Craig Hall. You will need to continue to follow DU precautions, including your routine COVID-19 testing by DU. To know when your next COVID-19 test is due, please see your *Campus Access Status* in [PioneerWeb](#).

- **New “Winter Start” students:** Remember you must [submit an online photo](#) to initiate your ID card request. Please note that if you did not request that your ID be sent to you by mail in December, you will need to come to campus to the ID Card office in Driscoll South Building.

Supports: You can find information on support from GSSW and DU on the [GSSW Student Resource Portal](#) and through these virtual office hours and direct messaging/chat in Microsoft Teams on the [Contact Us](#) page.

- **Course questions or concerns:** Contact your GSSW instructor.
- **Field questions or concerns:** Contact your GSSW Field Liaison or field@du.edu if no liaison is assigned yet.
- **If concerns remain unresolved, you have complex advising questions, or you want to chat informally with us:** Join [Denver Campus Academic Affairs Open Office Hours](#) on Tuesdays, or the [Academic Affairs virtual office hours](#) on Thursdays.
- Explore the contact us page for support from career services, registrar, and professional advising.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support to each other, for the extra efforts it is taking to safely engage in your graduate education, and for your patience and flexibility as we all adapt to the uncertainties related to the future of the pandemic.

Lastly, please save the date for **January 19, 2022 from 12:00 noon. - 1:00 pm (MT) to join us at our virtual Casual Conversation** with GSSW Dean and administration team. Watch the Student Advocate Newsletter for the invite link.

Warmly,

Kate Ross, Denver Campus MSW Program Director
Aneesha Bharwani, Assistant Dean for Field Education
Deana Ahmad, Assistant Dean for Students
Leslie Hasche, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Amanda Moore McBride, GSSW Dean

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