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Dear GSSW Denver Campus Students,

We welcome you back to your first week of winter quarter courses and field for the Denver Campus MSW Program. We hope you are well, safe, and ready to explore the possibilities of the new year with us. As we start, here are a few reminders of what to expect for Winter Quarter 2021:

**Calendar:**

- **January 4:** Winter Quarter classes start
- **January 4 - January 18:** Weeks 1 & 2 of courses are fully online. You can find Zoom links for your courses within Canvas and from your instructors
- **January 8:** Recommended day to start quarantine for campus access
- **January 10:** Last day for 100% refund for dropped classes
- **Monday, January 18:** No classes for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- **Tuesday, January 19:** First possible day for on-campus classes, if allowed
- **February 17:** Spring registration
- **Monday, March 15:** 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 may be able to return to campus by January 19, 2021, 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 **start these return to campus steps by January 8, at the latest, for possible return to campus 10 days later on January 19:**

1. Get a flu vaccine,
2. Quarantine for 10 days to the best of your ability. Work and in-person internships are allowed, as long as you are taking precautions, and
3. Provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within that quarantine period.

If there is a delay for when we return to campus because of public health guidance, then you will need to quarantine and be tested within the 10-day period prior to when the campus opens up.

The [DU website](#) offers detailed steps for how to complete the return to campus protocols, which are also included at the end of this email.

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 symptom monitoring and contact tracing either through PioneerWeb or the [Everbridge App](#). You will also be invited to complete routine COVID-19 testing by DU.

- **In-Person Field Internships and In-Person Courses are allowed:** DU has lifted the prior restriction about in-person field internships. You are now allowed to attend both

in-person classes and in-person field internship activities at the same time. If this restriction returns, it will be temporary and in response to public health guidance.

- **New students:** Remember you must submit your ID photo through the online portal 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 for the ID Pickup Table outside Driscoll South Building on January 7 & 8 or 11 & 12 from 8 am - 2 pm. A form of photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, is required to pick up your ID card.
- **New students:** You also need to complete the [Pathway Back to Campus](#) course in Canvas.

**Supports:** You can find information on supports 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](mailto:field@du.edu) if no liaison is assigned yet.
- **If concerns remained unresolved, you have complex advising questions, or you want to chat informally with us:** Join the [Academic Affairs virtual office hours](#) (Mondays & Thursdays, 11 am - 12 noon), hosted by Kate Ross and Leslie Hasche.
- Explore the contact us page for supports 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. Throughout, we continue to prioritize your safety, health, wellness, and continued opportunity to engage in meaningful learning activities across your courses and field internships.

Lastly, please save the date for **January 27, 2021 from 11:00 am. - 12:00 pm (MT) to join us at our virtual Casual Conversation.** Please use this [link](#) to register.

Warmly,

Kate Ross, Denver Campus MSW Program Director

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Leslie Hasche, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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[DU Website](#) Winter Quarter 2021 Return-to-Campus Steps:

To begin:

### **Set your Return-to-Campus date**

Visit [https://myweb.du.edu/mdb/du\\_bwskdvar.p\\_du\\_den\\_arrival](https://myweb.du.edu/mdb/du_bwskdvar.p_du_den_arrival) to select your return-to-campus date

You must have a **(1) flu shot; (2) a negative COVID test;** and **(3) a 10-day quarantine** before you can return-to-campus this winter

### **Complete the Pathway Back to Campus Course**

[Find the course here.](#)

Repeating the course is not required if you completed and passed the course before fall quarter.

### **Complete the Three Steps**

#### **1. Get a Flu vaccine**

For the Winter Quarter, everyone **must receive a flu vaccine** before returning to campus

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to schedule a flu shot appointment through [myhealth.du.edu](http://myhealth.du.edu) for a FREE flu vaccination.

Hours available Monday–Friday.

Those receiving flu shots off campus **must submit proof of the vaccination.**

Log into your My Health account at [myhealth.du.edu](http://myhealth.du.edu) using your DU ID and PioneerWeb password.

Click on "Messages" (on the left sidebar) and then click the "New Message" button.

Select "I want to submit my Flu (influenza) vaccine record to the HCC," click "continue," and upload your record.

Vaccine exemptions

**Medical exemptions** require a letter or statement from your doctor indicating the clinically supported reason you should not receive the required vaccinations.

**Personal or religious exemptions** require submission of a [Certificate of Exemption Form](#) via the [myhealth.du.edu](http://myhealth.du.edu) portal, via email to [info@hcc.du.edu](mailto:info@hcc.du.edu), or via fax at 303-871-4242.

If you received your influenza vaccination but are unable to provide adequate documentation of your influenza vaccination, You may complete the [Flu Attestation Form](#) and submit via [info@hcc.du.edu](mailto:info@hcc.du.edu) or fax to 303-871-4242 or upload through your [MyHealth](#) portal.

#### **2. Complete a 10-day Quarantine**

To reduce exposure and virus spread, you must self-quarantine for 10 days **before your scheduled return-to-campus**

**Logging your quarantine:** Community members will log into [PioneerWeb](#) every day for 10 days before coming to campus. You'll be asked to confirm you're limiting your community contact and aren't experiencing any COVID-related symptoms. At the completion of the 10-day survey, community members will begin receiving notifications from Everbridge for ongoing, twice-daily symptom monitoring.

During that time, our expectation is that you will wear a face covering, avoid touching your face, maintain social distancing, practicing excellent hygiene and minimize all but the necessary exposure outside of your home.

### 3. Negative COVID-19 test

Everyone must receive and provide proof of a negative COVID test **within their 10-day quarantine period**

There is **no need to retest** within 90 days of a positive COVID-19 test.

Students, faculty and staff can receive a FREE COVID test on campus

**Location:** North side of the Ritchie Center, off Buchtel Blvd

**Testing hours:** M-F, 8am – 12pm and 1-4pm. Saturdays 9am-12pm.

To schedule an appointment:

Log into your My Health account at [myhealth.du.edu](https://myhealth.du.edu) using your DU ID and PioneerWeb Password.

Click on Appointments (on the left side bar) then click the “Schedule an Appointment” button.

Select “Required COVID-19 Testing” and click Continue.

Choose a time within your 10-day pre-arrival quarantine to take your test

Print or save your unique QR code and bring that to your scheduled appointment

If you have difficulty making an appointment, please call the Health and Counseling Center at 303.871.2205 or email [info@HCC.du.edu](mailto:info@HCC.du.edu)

Those receiving COVID tests elsewhere must submit proof of the COVID test

You must complete a **PCR nasal swab test**

Submit proof of the test result by logging into your My Health account at [myhealth.du.edu](https://myhealth.du.edu) using your DU ID and PioneerWeb Password.

Click on Messages (on the left side bar) then click the “New Message” button.

Select “I want to submit my COVID-19 RT-PCR Test Results to the HCC”

Upload your record

#### **Check your status**

You can check your return-to-campus status (ID card status) at any time by logging into PioneerWeb

You received this message because you are a member of the DU network.