

Grand Canyon University continues to work diligently to ensure we are protecting the health and well-being of our campus community during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at GCU at this time, but we wanted to outline some of the protocols the University has in place should a confirmed case occur with any of our students remaining on campus or our employees.

For students who remain on campus during the next month, **we are following the directives of city, state and federal health authorities – which were updated as recently as today to avoid any gatherings of 10 people or more.** As a result, we have:

- Canceled all large-group gatherings on campus.
- Closed facilities such as fitness centers, the E-sports facility, commuter lounge, veterans center and other high-risk areas.
- Put take-out procedures in place at all campus and hotel restaurants to discourage students and employees from eating in the dining areas.

Students are encouraged to practice social distancing, avoid gathering in large groups and refrain from visiting highly dense population areas off campus and then returning to campus, which could put others at risk. [This link](#) on the CDC website provides helpful tips to protect yourself from illness and practice social distancing.

Students who are exhibiting symptoms of the coronavirus, such as a fever, cough or shortness of breath, should immediately call the GCU Health and Wellness Clinic at 844-391-1949 or [healthcenter@gcu.edu](mailto:healthcenter@gcu.edu). Your symptoms will be screened over the phone and you will be given further instructions. If you are calling after-hours and your symptoms are specific to COVID-19, the GCU Director of Health Services will be paged immediately.

Faculty or staff who are experiencing these same symptoms should seek medical attention by calling a medical professional and should not come to work. Further instructions are available on LopeNet for faculty and staff.

If you are experiencing severe symptoms, call 9-1-1 or seek immediate care at the nearest emergency room. If you have traveled to a CDC Level 2 or 3 country, do not return to campus. GCU requires that you stay off-campus to complete the 14-day self-quarantine before returning.

Should a student test positive for COVID-19 while on campus, quarantine or isolation procedures are in place. First, it will be determined by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) if the student can return home, where they could be safer and more comfortable. If not, students will be placed into quarantine or isolation in a vacant GCU residence hall.

Quarantine is for individuals who have returned from a CDC Level 3 country or have been identified as having direct exposure to a known COVID-19 case but are not exhibiting any signs or symptoms of the coronavirus. Self and daily monitoring of symptoms by healthcare officials will be provided during the 14-day quarantine period, and academic modifications for the student will be made where possible.

Isolation is for individuals who show signs and symptoms of the coronavirus. They must wear a mask when being transported into the isolation building and will remain in isolation and have no movement outside the designated isolation room for any reason, except if needing hospitalization. **Isolation can last anywhere from 2-6 weeks, which potentially could extend beyond the school year**, until the individual is cleared by the Health and Wellness Clinic and authorities from MCDPH.

Ingress and egress into the isolation/quarantine building will be limited to health center staff and food service delivery, who will be required to wear a mask onsite and thoroughly wash hands after exiting. Food service will be provided by Student Disability Services personnel following already established procedures.

Please visit GCU's [web page](#) related to the coronavirus disease, which includes more information and FAQs on what GCU is doing to prepare. The FAQs will be updated with additional information as this situation evolves, so please bookmark the site to stay informed.