



## Information about Returning to Campus this Spring!

December 13, 2020

Students of Mitchell College and Thames at Mitchell and families,

As this remarkable semester winds down and we head to winter break, our thoughts of Spring 2021 aren't too far behind. Please note the following when planning your return (all events and plans are subject to change based on circumstances surrounding COVID-19).

### Going on Now

- **Registration for January MiniMester.** January MiniMester (January 4-16) courses are fully remote. Please consult with your advisor, then register for a course or internship at [mitchell.edu/January-minimester](http://mitchell.edu/January-minimester).

### Before You Return

- **Prior to coming to campus** for the first time for Spring 2021, both resident and commuter students should self-quarantine at home for two weeks. What does this mean? Stay home, monitor your health daily and limit activity outside of your home. If you do need to leave your home, wear a face covering, social distance, wash your hands frequently and stay connected to friends and loved ones virtually.

### First Days Back

- All students must submit a negative COVID-19 test result via the CoVerified app or email to [covidresults@mitchell.edu](mailto:covidresults@mitchell.edu). Testing should be done within 72 hours of returning to campus. All state and CDC guidelines should continue to be followed.
- A **staggered move in for resident students** takes place January 19-24. **Please reserve a move-in time slot using the links at the end of this communication.** Watch your inbox for more detailed move-in reminders in the coming days.
- Upon return, resident students will **quarantine on campus** and commuter students will **remain at home** during this period. Information about the quarantine period will be provided in January, as the College will consult state guidelines and CDC recommendations for quarantine at that time.
- During quarantine resident students will utilize **grab and go dining**, not delivery to residence halls (\*a change from the fall semester\*). More details about campus dining to come.
- **COVID safety precautions** will remain the same as the fall semester for the foreseeable future: wear face coverings, practice social distancing, wash hands frequently and follow all updated guidelines and policies, including the Mariner Promise. On-campus testing will be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### Classes

- **Spring Session I Classes begin on January 25**, with remote instruction only for two weeks.
- On **February 8, instruction begins for assigned mode of delivery** and commuters may return to campus. Committed to creating personal, dynamic learning opportunities, we have increased our offerings of in-person classes, while continuing to observe safety protocols. The spring schedule will be followed as planned, provided safety concerns at the time allow it.
- For a detailed schedule of the spring semester, access the **Mitchell College Spring 2021 Academic Calendar** or **Thames at Mitchell Spring 2021 Academic Calendar**. Mitchell students: for information on when classes meet, check the [class schedule](#).

### Spring Preview

Faculty and staff are hard at work planning a bright and fantastic spring

semester! Here are a few highlights to look forward to:

### Wifi Upgrade

Improvements are currently being made to Mitchell's bandwidth and wireless coverage for better, uninterrupted service and productive remote learning.



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### Performing Arts

- **Watch *Romantic Fools*, our fall play**, posted to the Mitchell website on January 15. More to come!
- **Auditions** for Select Chorus and Spring Musical/Theatre will take place during the week of February 8 and close on February 19. Watch for sign-ups!
- Students are strongly encouraged to **bring their instruments to campus**. Any and all varieties welcome! The Performing Arts program can provide secure practice and storage spaces, as required.
- **Private lessons in Voice, Piano, Brass Instruments and Guitar** continue both remotely and in-person. Current students are working remotely with their private teachers through December and January. New students can begin in-person lessons the week of February 8. Students seeking lessons in instruments other than those listed above should contact **Jonathan Babbitt** by email so that he can secure instructors for them. If you have an interest in **other instruments**, he can connect you with a teacher!



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### Athletics

Athletes will continue to participate in some **non-conference games**. **Winter season** play will be abbreviated with **no conference championship option (at this time)**, but **spring sports** are **projected to play** a full conference schedule in addition to non-conference games.

**Club sports and intramurals** will **continue** to operate as they did in the fall semester.



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### Campus Life

A full slate of activities is in the works for Spring 2021! Watch the Mitchell Dock app for information. Highlights include:

- **January** (during quarantine) – food trucks and virtual events – Kahoot, Cards Against Humanity, TikTok Challenge, Escape Room
- **February** – Celebrating Black History Month with Multicultural Student Union, food truck, Love Yourself Week with Campus Activities Board, Valentine's Day Love Bite Cookie Grams, Shopping Shuttle begins operating, Spring Involvement Fair
- **March** – "Spring In" Week, with fun Spring Break-themed events, Diversity and Inclusion Week
- **April** – Late Night Breakfasts, Women's Empowerment Week, Block Party with food trucks, inflatables, silent disco, beach bonfire
- **May** – In-person/virtual Grad Week, Commencement May 8

We look forward to welcoming you back for Spring 2021 and spending another memorable semester together! If you have questions, please email [communications@mitchell.edu](mailto:communications@mitchell.edu).

Fall 2020 Highlights...



## Resident Move In

Resident students are required to return to campus on specific check-in dates by their assigned Residence Hall.

- **Resident Assistants** – Saturday, January 16
- **Moorings, Harbor House & Saunders Hall**–Tuesday, January 19, and Wednesday, January 20
- **Simpson Hall & Matteson Hall**– Thursday, January 21, and Friday, January 22
- **Mariner Hall, Montauk Apartments & Fair Haven** – Saturday, January 23, and Sunday, January 24

Select your move-in day and time using the following links to SignUp Genius.

- [Resident Assistants](#)
- [Fair Haven](#)
- [Harbor House](#)
- [Moorings](#)
- [Matteson Hall](#)
- [Saunders Hall](#)
- [Montauk Apartments](#)
- [Simpson Hall](#)
- [Mariner Hall](#)

- Each student will be allowed one 90-minute time slot.
- **Please use your Mitchell email address when signing up and select the correct building and floor**
  - To verify your building and room number, please check your housing assignment in eRezLife prior to selecting a time slot.
- Time slots will be available from 8:00am to 9:00pm, with a midday break for the housekeeping staff to deep clean the residence halls.
- Students will not be allowed to bring anyone in the Residence Halls to help them with carrying anything into the building. If you will need assistance with carrying your belongings, please note this on your sign-up and we will arrange assistance for you.