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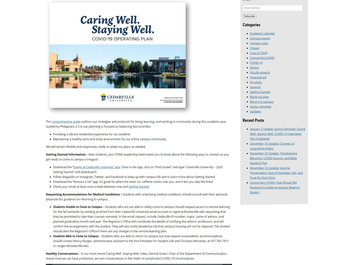

JULY 22 UPDATE: CARING WELL. STAYING WELL. OPERATING PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

July 22, 2020 |

When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. (Psalm 94:19)

This weekly update includes:

- Cedarville's Operating Plan for Fall Semester
- Cedarville Leading Well Pledge Signing Ceremony
- Information on how students with health conditions can request accommodations
- Video interviews with students who have been tested and recovered from coronavirus (COVID-19) circumstances.

We begin this week's update with the **Caring Well. Staying Well. COVID-19 Operating Plan**, now available for your review:

The coronavirus guide outlines our strategies and protocols for living, learning, and working in community during this academic year. Guided by Philippians 2:4, our planning is focused on deploying two priorities:

- Providing a vibrant residential experience for our students
- Maintaining healthy and safe study environments across campus community

We will remain flexible and responsive, ready to adapt our plans as needed.

Getting Started Immediately. Over the coming days, Cedarville leaders want you to know about the following ways to connect as you prepare for the fall semester:

- Download the "Game of Cedarville University" app, where you can find a virtual Leading Well Pledge and "Cedarville University - 2020 Scavenger Hunt" game of overload.
- Follow disciples on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook to keep up with campus life and to learn more about Getting Started.
- Watch for emails from your Cedarville University Student Life Staff member, who will contact you to see what they can do for you.
- Check your email at least once a week between now and Getting Started.

Requesting Accommodations for Medical Conditions – Students with underlying medical conditions should consult with their personal physician for personal recovery strategies.

- **Students Unable to Come to Campus** – Students who are not able to safely come to campus should request access to remote learning. To do fall semester by sending an email from their Cedarville University email account to disability@cedarville.edu. Recognize that they do permitted to take their course materials. In the email request, include Cedarville ID number, major, course of address, and course information. Upon receipt of the request, the Disability Services Office will review the request and contact the student to confirm the arrangements with the student. Thus, not only should the student be in the virtual classroom but also the student should send the Registrar's Office if there are any changes in the remote learning plan.
- **Students Unable to Live on Campus** – Students who are not able to safely live on campus require renunciation accommodations. Should contact Kenny Bell, campus administrative assistant to the Vice President for Student Life, at 937-766-7651 or kenyon@cedarville.edu.

Healthy Communities – In our most recent Caring Well. Staying Well. video, Derrick Green, Chief of Staff to the President of Communication, discuss how we can have productive, secure conversations in the midst of complicated COVID-19 circumstances.

Posted in: COVID-19, Faculty Insights, Getting Started, Return to campus

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Concerned Parent says:
August 4, 2020 at 10:00 am

Are the leadership team for Covid considered doing temp. checks for students and faculty member when they return to campus? If people do have a temp. they should not allowed entrance to campus. This may be a good safety precaution with so many people in one place. Also, what is the plan if a student or faculty member tests positive for the virus while on campus? If students, faculty members are sent home, what happens to those who live on campus who are believe would be beneficial to all.

Also will the dorms be following any special kind of social distancing and mask requirements in the bathrooms/laundry/hallways/common areas in order to keep the CDC and the state of ohio's guidelines? CDC does recommend the dorms to be 100% occupied. It seems more parents believe some extra cautions should be added to the dorm/residence areas.

Sarah says:
January 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Thank you for taking the time to address so many questions. I know this has got to be a trying time for the university on so many levels.

I am curious why the college went to online classes in March 2020 with the state of Ohio stay at home orders and cancelled/postponed and now is offering online and in person classes in August with the same reporting 96,106 cases and over 2570 deaths (coronavirus.ohio.gov).

Why wouldn't the college be safeguarding not only their students, but other adults who are employed by the college? Why have rules and laws apply when an increase is endorsed?

This isn't a matter of fear, but a matter of being prudent and exercising the wisdom that the Lord has given.

Amen 4:17

Please, reconsider the consequences of the college's decision, and have some choices for all. As the Vet answer.
Thank you.

Sarah says:
August 4, 2020 at 10:00 am

Thank you for writing and addressing the challenging decisions that all colleges and universities have been grappling with. The decision to go online in the spring was mandated by our State and reflected a need to ramp up hospital capacity, PPE, and ventilators. We had no cases on our campus at that point and were able to finish the spring semester in person. We made the difficult decision to go online in the fall semester to change schedule and to limit the population in the classroom and our government officials have provided guidance to colleges and universities to be safe in the fall. We understand and appreciate that we are entering upon an unprecedented year as a campus community and are humbly trusting the Lord for His protection and favor as we search for the Mind of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. Please pray with us!

Concerned Alum says:
August 4, 2020 at 10:00 am

Thank you for writing and for your commitment to not mandating masks for campus owners in the dorms? This is going to create a huge problem. Students will be congregating closely in these areas and this is different than being in class. Cedarville has never lived outside of the dorm walls. Also, will there be rules regarding students leaving the campus and visitors not coming to campus to prevent our children? Some of our students will be coming from areas where the mortality rate is significantly different colleges and would like to know if there will be a rule. I'm fine with the CDC and ODH but unacceptable for breaking the rule. Simply "encouraging" students to stay on campus and go out for students to do what they want.

Sarah says:
August 4, 2020 at 10:00 am

Thank you for writing and carefully reviewing both Cedarville's plan. As we worked to develop the Caring Well. Staying Well. plan, we considered guidance, mandates and recommendations, requirements from both the CDC and our governor's Responsible Restart Ohio guidelines. Our focus was on protection of students, faculty, and staff along with the desire to provide a vibrant residential experience as much as we can in a COVID environment. Our leadership team will be reviewing the plan on a weekly basis and will make changes as needed. We will be following our Student Life staff to provide personal care and supported our current directors. We will, of course, monitor and provide a weekly update. We will prioritize the health of our faculty, staff, students, parents, faculty, and staff when long-group events on campus