

August 1, 2020 FY Families Q&A Webinar

The answers below are from campus partners as of August 11, 2020.

Athletics, Club & Intramural Sports

Will the Ritchie Center be open once the students step on campus?

The Coors Fitness Center remains closed. For more information/updates, [click here](#).

- Our reopening is dependent upon governmental guidance (public health orders) and University of Denver leadership. Limitations will occur & venue operations will be different than in the past. Submittal for re-open are in process – not finalized. All fluid and can change at any time. We are optimistic to be a wellness hub for our students once all are back on campus however a re-open date has not been confirmed.

Will club sports be happening this fall?

As we approach the Fall 2020 Quarter, we aim to keep students up to date on programs and services within the Division of Athletics & Recreation.

As of July 22, 2020 (Chancellor's Announcement) we provided the following update regarding Intramural and Club Sports:

Under University leadership and local, state and federal guidance, DU Athletics & Recreation is not planning to host Club or Intramural Sport programs in the Fall 2020 Quarter. Our commitment to the health and safety of our participants has never been greater and decisions around our ability to deliver these programs are taken with great care and thought. Club Sports in particular will not be permitted to go to other facilities as these clubs are operated by the University of Denver. Please know that these decisions are made to provide the healthiest and safest environment that we can for participation for students, not deny opportunity. We are working to develop sports, fitness and wellness programs to serve DU students in a safe and sustainable manner as DU students remain our top priority. Details around these programs and activities will be shared when submittals are approved. Information and plans are subject to change as we must follow University, local, state and federal guidelines.

For questions or comments, please reach out to us directly at: 303.871.3845 | recreation@du.edu.

For club sports, can students still connect with club members even if the club is currently halted due to covid restrictions?

Connect virtually – of course! We encourage the connection between students. In person within social guidelines and restrictions in place and will vary from club team to club team. Clubs (we have 30+) vary in size and some are contact sports some are not –connections will be determined on an individual club basis & how they can partake activities (capacity #'s | training ops) as a Club if granted permission to do so. Clubs are operated by the University of Denver and will not be able to represent DU outside of campus to date in accordance to the University

decision and public health orders set. We are looking at alternatives for clubs to stay connected in a safe & healthy environment - it is important for long term success.

How will working out at the gym look this fall?

Coors Fitness Center has completed a deep clean this summer. The venue will be reset to meet or exceed the issued protocols in place to include social distancing, increased disinfecting and cleaning between sessions of workout, one-way traffic, face coverings, disinfecting stations, restricted spaces and beyond. Contactless check-in & check-out for tracking & spread. Possible virtual opportunities as well may be put into place for students versus traditional workout classes. All aspects of student programming & workout options are underway and will continue to proceed to meet all public health & University guidelines. Coors Fitness Center must be approved by University leadership and Public Health Orders to open in the Fall. All underway but nothing approved at this time.

Will the Alpine club be doing activities?

Alpine Club is our largest club organization on campus. For the Fall it aligns with the other club sports & not permissible at this time. Permissible activities will be shared with leadership of Alpine Club but there is nothing planned at this time due to covid-19 restrictions and guidelines in place. Activities will look different all in all if/when the opportunity presents itself and held to restrictions and protocols issued in approved submittals.

At this time, will spectators be allowed to attend DU intercollegiate sporting events, following social distancing protocols?

Spectators for the Fall sports is highly unlikely at this time. All updates will be posted on denverpioneers.com as they develop.

Discoveries Orientation

Do transfer students have a separate orientation from first year students? When will they be receiving information on this?

- Transfer students do have an altered orientation from FTFY students, but they will take place over the same days Thursday September 10th- Friday September 11th. Information on orientation schedules are available on our website, crimsonconnect.du.edu/nsfp

Will there be any scheduled activities for Freshmen students moving in on Monday or Tuesday?

- There will be evening activities available to students who move in on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Are there online orientation modules for transfer students to complete?

- All incoming students (FTFY and Transfer) complete the same Discoveries Online modules.

If my son doesn't move in until later in the evening on the 9th, how should he attend the orientation earlier that day.

- Don't worry, he won't miss any of the in-person activities. Orientation programs on campus begin September 10.

Are parents allowed on campus after the move in period?

- We will not have any programming on campus for parents and families. Parents will be allowed to walk around campus but will not be permitted to re-enter the dorms after the 90 minute move-in window.

Is there anything scheduled for new students that move in on the 7th, on the following days until orientation starts on the 10th?

- Evening activities will be provided to students. Dining halls will be operational.

Is there a campus tour for parents? We did not have a chance to tour campus this spring.

- Currently, we are still not offering in person campus tours. The next phased reopening is supposed to allow small tours but we're not there yet. You'll want to ask Shanna.Pomager@du.edu and Madeline.Nilan@du.edu. If there are exceptions to be made, they'll be the ones who know whether we can make them.

Will a Wednesday move-in be able to participate in Mon/Tues activities and go back to the hotel at night?

- No. Students cannot be on campus until their assigned arrival date and time.

How does orientation work for a student not living on campus doing school online?

- Students will have opportunities to join virtual resource fairs and activities. We will be sharing more about this in the coming weeks.

We were told there were NO social activities prior to Wednesday. We have a Wednesday evening move-in, but will be in Denver. How can our student participate in these earlier social events to get to know other students?

- There will be evening activities on Monday and Tuesday for students who have already moved in. Students who do not move-in until Wednesday will not be permitted on campus until Wednesday. There will be evening activities that night and the following nights for students to meet others.

What will orientation be like for the students? How is this different than what it would be in "normal" years?

- Orientation will be a mix of in person and virtual programming. In person sessions will be limited to orientation group sizes (maximum of 20 students). Evening activities will have limited capacities based on current regulations on outdoor events, but events will be hybrid where possible (IE a comedian on the lawn with spaced seating and limited capacity – live streamed for students who do not attend in person).

How many people are going to be there during the in-person orientation? Is it going to be inside or outside?

- Required sessions that are in person will be inside classrooms, with the appropriate social distancing guidelines and will take place in orientation group sizes. Some required sessions will be virtual as well.

Am I expected to participate in any online orientation activities that occur prior to my move-in?

- Yes. <https://crimsonconnect.du.edu/nsfp/discoveries-online/>

How soon will info be available re: programming? It makes a difference re: planning flights, etc. since we're coming from out of state. Thank you.

- Arrival date is determined by the student's assigned move-in time. If the student is not living on campus then their arrival date would need to be on campus by Thursday September 10th as orientation will begin in the morning. Parent programming is virtual and all parents should plan to depart after their student moves in.

Housing & Residential Education

In Dimond Family Residential Village (DFRV), is there an RA per pod, per floor? What exactly is a pod?

- In a normal year, there is an RA in each pod, but due to the de-densifying of the building, we do not have an RA in every pod but there will be 1-2 RAs per floor (also known as the wing). DFRV has 2 wings (East and West) and each wing has 3 pods. Each pod is a community of rooms and each pod is separated by a lounge, bathroom or study space.

Is it possible to get pictures or floorplans or measurements for rooms in Dimond?

- Due to safety precautions, we do not have floorplans that we are able to share out as they have emergency exits on them. Once we are able to get into the building we will update pictures of the spaces on our website and will work on adding dimensions as well.

If enough kids defer, will DU reorganize room assignments to spread out existing students?

- We do not have a plan to rearrange our students prior to move in.

Are Centennial Towers kitchenettes equipped with dishes?

- The kitchenettes do not have plates, dishes or utensils, the students will need to bring their own.

If living in a single with twice the furniture, are we able to use all everything (for example, pushing the two beds together)?

- The extra furniture will remain in the room; therefore, the students can use the furniture as they please.

Can Colorado students go home for the weekend and can parents visit students on campus?

- Students are allowed to visit home in Colorado, based on CDC, but they are still encouraged to practice social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment i.e. face coverings, gloves). Residents are not allowed to have guests in their residence hall rooms, which includes parents and families, and are encouraged to not have parents and families come onto campus to minimize how many folks are interacting on campus.

If the student leaves campus for a weekend but stays in Denver do they need quarantine or anything to go back to dorm at end of weekend? Also, are students allowed to leave the residence halls? Is there a process for check in/out?

- Students are allowed to leave campus but they are still encouraged to practice social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment i.e. face coverings, gloves). They do not need to quarantine upon return, provided they do not leave the state, based on CDC guidelines, and would not need to check back in.

Can we take our child out to dinner after they move in - either that day or the next?

- Students are allowed to leave campus but they are still encouraged to practice social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment i.e. face coverings, gloves).

My child's move in date is on Sept 7th, are they required to stay on campus once they move in or can they leave for a few days before school starts?

- Students are allowed to leave campus, but they are still encouraged to practice social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment i.e. face coverings, gloves).

Can students receive packages from home, Amazon, etc.? How do we get the address of the dorm?

- Please refer to the specific building website to receive your mailing address for your residence hall room. Please note that we will not be accepting mail or packages at our residence halls until Tuesday, September 8.

Can you tell us how many students will be housed in each residence hall?

- The number of students in each residence hall facility differs. JMAC, DFRV, and Centennial Halls will be one person per room instead of 2, so they will be half as full as they normally are (will have 200-300). Centennial Towers, Nagel, Nelson (350-450), the Transfer Living Community (30), and the Apartment Complexes on-campus will have their usual number of students (20-85).

Will masks be mandatory in the common areas of the dorm? i.e. floor hallways, bathrooms, elevators, etc? How will elevators be addressed. 1 person at a time? Who will enforce this?

- Yes. Except while in the shower or using the sink for things such as facial care, brushing teeth, etc., face coverings are required whenever you're outside your individual residence hall room. Elevators across campus are capped the same way as elevators in the residence halls – 2 people allowed at a time. Students are expected to abide by all of these policies in the same way that they would all other policies outlined in the Guide to Residence Living and the Honor Code. Failure to comply with any of these policies may result in a referral through the student conduct process through Student Rights and Responsibilities. Staff will be enforcing these policies, but there is also the anonymous referral system, where any student on campus can go to report individuals not following these processes. Everyone on campus is responsible for helping enforce these. Everyone must hold themselves accountable.

Are students allowed to go into other freshman dorms other than their own?

- Students are allowed only to visit/access the residence hall in which they reside. They can visit with other residents in the same building/floor as theirs, but are not permitted to visit any other residence hall facility on campus. (i.e., if I live in JMAC, I can visit others in JMAC, but am not permitted to visit others in Centennial Halls or Nagel). Students will only have card access for their building and will not be able to access residential spaces for other buildings, and visitors are not permitted on residential floors (outside of the move-in timeslot on move-in day). Only residents of that building can enter residential floors.

Are cleaning supplies and toilet paper provided?

- For students living in Nagel, Nelson, or Centennial Towers suites, there will be some cleaning supplies available for cleaning their private bathrooms, available for checkout from the front desk. Students should bring their own when possible, as these “cleaning buckets” will be available for checkout and use by any resident of the building. Toilet paper is NOT provided for students living in these facilities.
- Toilet paper is provided in the community restrooms serviced by DU (in DFRV, JMAC, TLC, and Halls), but students living in suite- or apartment-style housing are expected to supply their own toilet paper.

Will there be signage directing parents to the dorms? I've never been to the campus and am coming from out of state - are there parking lots nearby? Will there be carts to load items on?

- There will be signs around campus to help direct students and their helpers throughout the move-in process. Additionally, an email is being sent out on August 15 and will provide a link to the move-in page on our Housing & Residential Education website, which will layout the parking and traffic procedures for folks. DU Staff and helpers will be dressed in DU gear and walking around to help out on check-in days to help direct folks in the right direction, as well. Dollies will be available for students to check out for use, though if folks have their own dollies or a cart they would like to bring with them, they are welcome to do so.

Will students be able to leave campus to go hiking, while practicing good social distancing?

- Yes, students will be able to leave campus. We just ask that they practice good social distancing, wear their masks where required, and stay home if they feel unwell. We live in a beautiful state and we want our residents to safely enjoy that beauty while they're here.

What is the process for students/ roommates when/if a student tests positive?

- If a person's roommate tests positive for COVID the infected student's roommate will be contacted to get a testing appointment set up and to work with them on a separate living space until their test result comes back. If the student tests positive, they will remain in their separate living space until they are no longer symptomatic.

Where is the list of what students need to bring for school?

- That can be found on our HRE website at <https://www.du.edu/housing/student/movingin/whattobring.html>. It's also worth noting that we highly encourage students to pack lightly in case we do have to close again and send students home. Additionally, we recommend students pack a “just in case” bag with about 14 days' worth of clothing and/or toiletries if they do need to quarantine or isolate due to a positive test result.

Office of Student Engagement (OSE) and Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

Will students have opportunities for social events during the pandemic? If so, how will they be held?

- Yes, students will have an opportunity to engage in events to make social connections, both interactive virtual experiences and in small groups during Discoveries Orientation, as part of their residential experience, and through programming offered on campus. While DU is still finalizing its COVID-19 protocols for event planning this fall, our campus departments and student organizations are busy planning a hybrid student experience following all safety and health measures including outdoor and indoor spaces. In order to promote the health and safety of the entire DU community, all participants at in-person campus events will be required to wear a face covering and to maintain 6-foot social distancing.

Will clubs be meeting and if so, what will be the protocols?

- Yes, DU encourages student organizations to continue their operations where possible, and will provide student leaders with guidance and resources for alternative methods as needed. DU's registered student organizations (RSOs) will be invited to participate in this year's Virtual Involvement Fair during Discoveries Week, which will be on the student engagement platform called CrimsonConnect. Students can also explore student organizations that align with their personal and academic interests, and can contact student leaders directly through the CrimsonConnect platform.

I think DU is doing an amazing job of health and safety around Covid-19 risks. I am very concerned about the Greek houses and do not believe that students themselves can be tasked with the responsibility of social distancing, etc. that need to be put into place. What is the school doing to minimize risks from students living in Greek houses?

- All members of the DU community, including those students who are members of fraternities and sororities, are responsible to "Protect DU," a community campaign to articulate our shared commitment to protecting ourselves, each other, and our community. As we return to campus, we ask all members of DU's fraternity and sorority community to commit to "Protect DU," as part of their social leadership. FSL student leaders are engaged in this social norming campaign, active on Chancellor Haefner's Student Advisory Board, and otherwise committed to the health and safety of the DU community.

Is there going to be a Greek life this year and how will the students rush?

- Yes, the FSL community – like all of our students – are eager to begin this fall by offering a robust co-curricular experience to their existing and potential new members. As with all student organizations, FSL student leaders are considering ways to gather safely and effectively in both small in-person and large virtual settings. Both the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic are planning virtual recruitments, with highly experiential in-person activities where possible, and Panhellenic has delayed their formal recruitment to October 2-5, giving them additional time to plan.
- Each MGC chapter has an independent and unique membership selection process, thus the best way to gain information about a chapter's recruitment/intake process will be to contact the chapter directly or engage with community programs hosted by the council.
 - MGC recruitment/intake practices will look different than they have previously. To ensure the health of individuals that are current and potential members of MGC, chapters are being asked to host virtual recruitment/intake opportunities, one-on-

one meetings, and/or small informational meetings following PPE and distance guidance.

- Virtual Fairs through Crimson Connect:
 - Virtual Involvement Fair
 - Fri, Sep 11 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm
 - Student Club Fair: This is a chance for Undergraduate Students to connect with and learn about the 100+ Student Clubs and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) on campus, including Fraternities & Sororities and Club Sports.
 - Fraternity & Sorority Life Welcome Fair
 - Tue, Sep 15 at 11:00am - 7:00pm (Tentative)
 - Fraternity & Sorority Life will be hosting a virtual welcome fair where every chapter will have a virtual “booth” where chapters share more about their organization and host live informational sessions.