



# RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN

CORBAN UNIVERSITY 2020-2021





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# INTRODUCTION

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in late 2019 and its global spread through early 2020 forced Corban, like other universities around the world, to reevaluate nearly every aspect of our educational practices. Across the University, faculty, staff, students, and leadership have demonstrated extraordinary resilience in adapting to new and often challenging conditions.

As Oregon businesses and schools prepare to reopen, we look forward to once again welcoming students, faculty, and staff to our beautiful campus.

We understand that this transition back to campus may come with concerns and complexities, and we are committed to reorienting you to the new academic year in the safest and most supportive way possible.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

**AUGUST 21**

Warrior Welcome

**AUGUST 24**

Classes begin

**NOVEMBER 25**

End of 14-week  
face-to-face session

**NOVEMBER 30–  
DECEMBER 18**

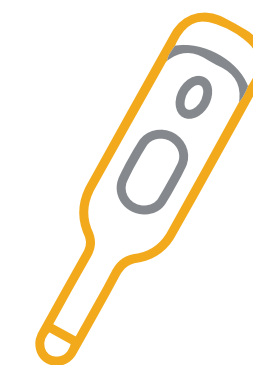
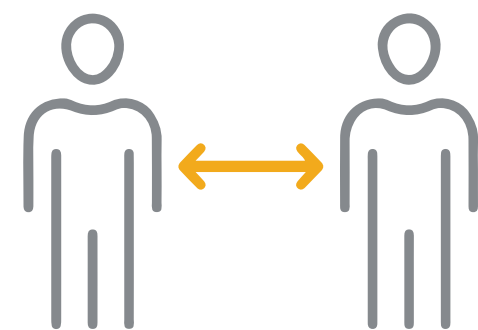
3-week intensive

# ABOUT COVID-19

COVID-19 is a virus spread from person to person, primarily from respiratory droplets or by transferring the virus from surfaces and objects to mouth, nose, or eyes.

While many aspects of the virus are not yet understood, the most effective measures against transmission are quarantining and contact tracing for those who are infected, as well as social distancing and frequent hand washing for the general public. **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** and the Oregon Health Authority also recommend face coverings when not able to maintain a distance of more than 6 feet.

Additional guidance for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 at home and in school settings is available from the CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov>.





# ABOUT OUR APPROACH

Corban recognizes that the ideal teaching and learning environment is one in which students and faculty can interact face-to-face. We also recognize the vital importance of creating a campus environment that addresses the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Our **Return to Campus Plan** seeks to do both, providing a roadmap for our community to follow in the months ahead.

This plan represents the thoughtful work of the **COVID-19 Task Force**, comprised of faculty and staff working in close collaboration with University leadership. This plan is designed to allow the University to adapt to the changing conditions of the pandemic while still providing for the continuous education of our students. At all times, we will calibrate University operations and teaching to public health conditions.

While it is difficult to predict the ways in which our health context might change in the future, one thing is constant: **our steadfast commitment to the ongoing growth and learning of our students.** Across the University, our dedicated faculty and staff are redoubling their efforts to prepare for the new academic year.

We cannot wait to have you back on campus!





# THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF STUDENTS

Students play a vital role in maintaining safety on campus. We want to work with you to support your adherence to safety measures in the interest of minimizing risk for all members of the Corban community. Prior to the start of the semester, we will provide you with updated information on what Corban is doing to minimize risk, and the role and responsibility of students as members of the Corban community.

We understand there are students at higher risk for COVID-19, and/or who live with high-risk family members. As a community that prioritizes health and safety, we must all do our part to adhere to state and county health recommendations and regulations to control transmission and potential outbreaks. There may also be times when we ask students to comply with broader safety measures. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

We also expect you will have questions, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions. We are eager to listen to and help you navigate any concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact us at [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu), and a member of the COVID Response Team will be in touch.





# COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

All members of the Corban University community have a shared responsibility to prevent the spread of illness.

It is imperative that all members of our community remain committed to the safety policies and procedures listed in this and future communications to help keep students, staff, and faculty safe. By enrolling at Corban, you agree to the following requirements:

- **Follow Federal, State, and Local Orders.** All students are expected to adhere to the directives of applicable federal, state, and local government health departments, including the CDC, regarding social distancing in public and other measures.
- **COVID-19 Testing and Notification.** If you test positive for COVID-19, you must notify the COVID Response Team at [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu).
- **Stay Home if Sick.** If you are sick, you are expected to stay home or in a University-designated area. Further details regarding our quarantine and isolation policies will be shared later this summer.
- **Stay Home if Exposed.** If you have been notified by Marion County Health that you were in contact with an individual infected with COVID-19, you are asked to stay home or in a University-designated area for 14 days. During this time, you will be able to continue classes remotely.

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# COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS *Continued*

- **Travel.** Please avoid unnecessary travel. If you have traveled outside the US, you are required to notify [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu) and stay home for 14 days. You will be able to continue classes remotely during this time.
- **Face Masks.** Bring a face mask every day you come to campus. Face masks will be required in all areas, both indoor and outdoor, where social distancing cannot be maintained. Face masks will also be required outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Hygiene.** Practice good hygiene, particularly frequent hand-washing.
- **Students' Personal Items.** Limit the items you bring to campus or from your dorm each day, and do not share food, books, phones, or other personal items with other students.



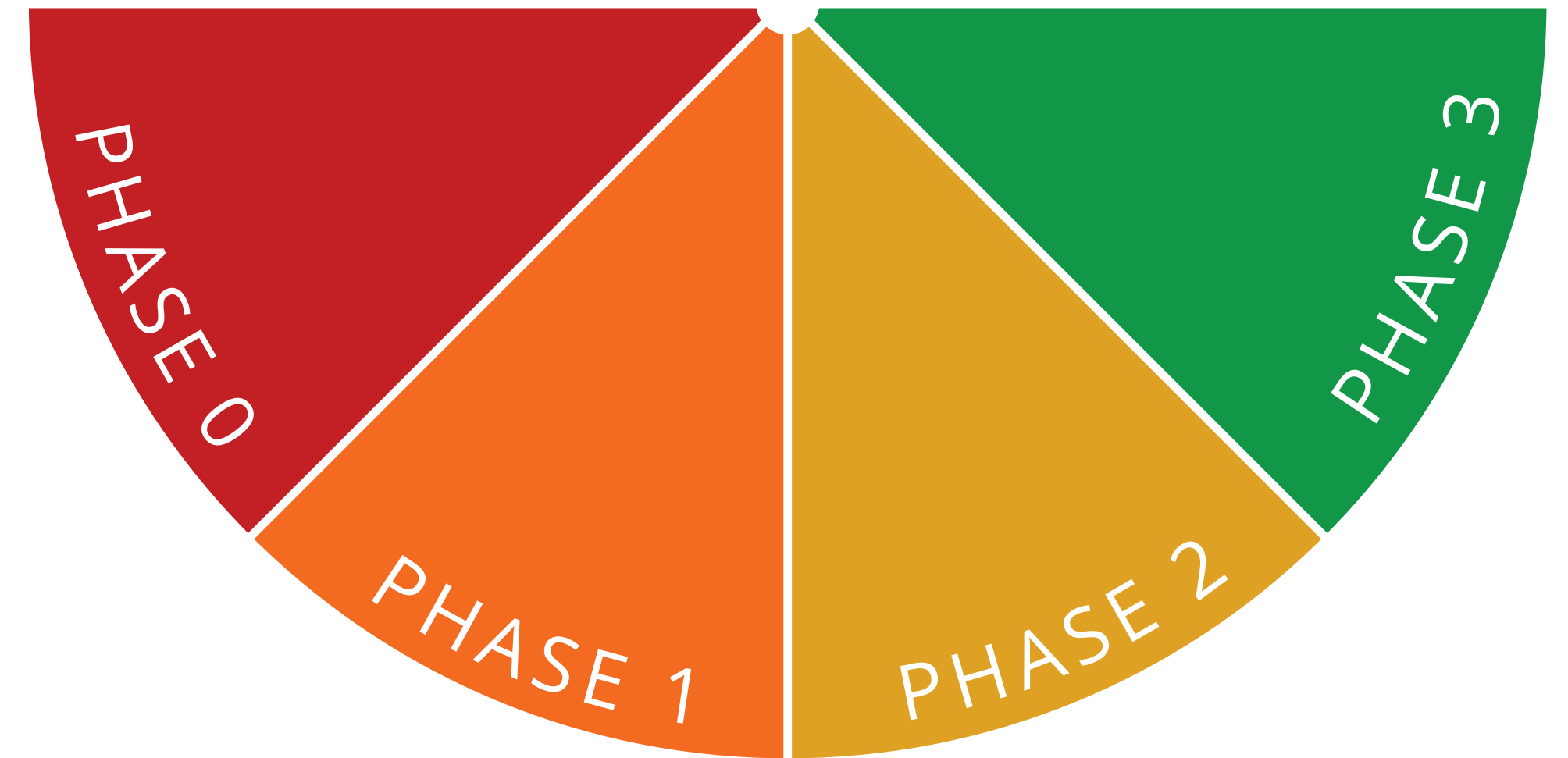


# COVID-19 MONITORING—ALERT PHASES

Members of the COVID Response Team will convene regularly to monitor health indicators reported by the Oregon Health Authority as well as the University community. This team will track the number of COVID-19 cases in the state; the number of students and employees on campus who report illnesses; attendance; and a host of other data points that will inform any actions the University will take. Recommendations made by the COVID Response Team will be shared with President Nord and other senior administrators, and any changes to our health protocols will be shared with the Corban community.

**Our overall goal will be to calibrate University operations and instruction to the public health conditions present at the time.** Based on recommendations from the COVID Response Team, Corban will issue an update in the form of a four-tiered Alert Phase system.

The Alert Phase will be shared on the Corban website, and any changes in status (e.g. Phase 1 to Phase 2, or Phase 2 to Phase 1) will be communicated to the community. We will also send out a weekly email to students with updates and information. At all times, we will strive to provide students with as much preparation time as possible for any potential changes to our risk status.





# ALERT PHASES

PHASES	GENERAL CONDITIONS	CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT
<p><b>0</b> (high risk)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poorly controlled community transmission in Marion County</li> <li>• Multiple new infections in the University community</li> <li>• Oregon Health Authority or the Governor has issued stay-at-home orders or otherwise closed all schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus is closed except for critical faculty and staff</li> <li>• Remote learning for all students</li> <li>• Residence halls closed except with special permission</li> <li>• No campus activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>1</b> (heightened risk)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New infections increasing in Marion County</li> <li>• Several possible cases in University community</li> <li>• Students, faculty, and staff struggling to adhere to safety protocols</li> <li>• Waning epidemic control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus is open by appointment only</li> <li>• All students on campus (vulnerable persons should stay home)</li> <li>• Hybrid learning model</li> <li>• Limited, restricted campus activities</li> <li>• Elevated safety measures and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2</b> (moderate risk)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infections low but starting to increase in Marion County</li> <li>• Possible cases in University community</li> <li>• Students, faculty, and staff not adhering as closely to safety protocols</li> <li>• Uncertainty in government epidemic control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus is open</li> <li>• All students on campus (vulnerable persons may stay home)</li> <li>• Hybrid learning model</li> <li>• Restricted campus activities</li> <li>• Elevated safety measures and PPE</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b> (low risk)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infections remain low in Marion County</li> <li>• No known cases currently at the University</li> <li>• Students, faculty, and staff closely adhering to safety protocols</li> <li>• Confidence in government epidemic control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus is open</li> <li>• All students on campus</li> <li>• Open for all activities</li> </ul>



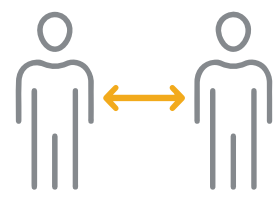
# HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

The health and safety of our community is our highest priority. The following is a list of safety measures that will be in place, regardless of our alert phase. Further details about these and other safety measures will be shared in the upcoming student handbook.



## Face Coverings

Students and employees will wear face coverings throughout campus. Further details will be shared later this summer. Face coverings will be provided to students and faculty prior to the start of school.



## Physical Distancing

Movement on campus will be controlled and directed to reduce the mixing of students. In classrooms, students will be seated with increased spacing but allowed to interact more closely for limited periods with additional safety measures in place.



## Cohorts & Decreased Mixing of Students

Academic schedules and classroom use will be designed to keep students in smaller, consistent groups. This will reduce the risk of viral transmission and allow for discrete cohorts to quarantine in the event of infection.



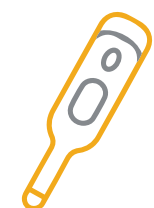
## Hand Hygiene

Students and faculty are encouraged to practice rigorous hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be readily available around campus.



## Enhanced Cleaning & Disinfection Schedule

Daily cleaning practices will be compliant with CDC recommendations, including types of cleaning products used and frequency of cleaning. Special attention will be paid to the cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day.



## Health Screening

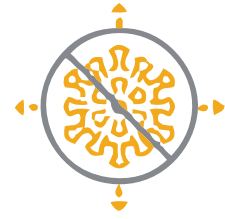
Students and employees are asked to monitor for symptoms, including fever, daily. If you are feeling ill, you are asked to stay home and report your symptoms to [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu).





#### Updated Sick Policy & Enforcement Practices

Rules regarding sick policies for students and employees will be enhanced and strictly enforced to minimize the number of sick people on campus, as well as to allow continuity of learning from home for mildly ill or asymptomatic students. More details about this sick policy, including what symptoms to check for and who to notify if sick, will be shared later this summer in the student handbook.



#### Quarantine & Contact Tracing

If a student or employee has a COVID-19 infection, specially trained and qualified school officials will support Marion County Health's efforts for contact tracing and enforcing quarantining of those infected and their contacts. Provisions will be made to support continuity of learning from home and food service during quarantine periods.



#### Cafeteria/Food Service

Food service options will be reorganized for the fall semester to minimize risk and comply with necessary guidelines. We are still working out the details of food service and will be able to provide more detailed information later in the summer.



#### Other Safe Classroom Procedures

Teaching methods will be adjusted to minimize shared equipment or learning materials between students; Classroom practices will reduce transfer of objects; Infrastructure will be put in place to minimize surfaces which cannot easily be disinfected.



#### Self-Care & Well-Being

Pedagogy and classroom practices will provide greater attention to student mental health and well-being to build resilience and cope with the stress or anxiety students may experience. Corban is launching a Student Health Center on campus in partnership with Santiam Hospital, and will also be providing telehealth care for students.



#### Visitors on Campus

All visitors to campus, including parents, will be asked to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival. In elevated alert phases, visitors will be required to make an appointment prior to arrival.



#### Travel Policy

Students and employees should avoid all unnecessary travel. If a person travels outside the US for any reason, they must notify [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu) and self-quarantine upon their return for 14 days. Provisions will be made to support continuity of learning from home during quarantine periods.



#### Chapels & Large Group Gatherings

Based on the campus alert phase, all group gatherings will be modified to conform with State of Oregon and Marion County limitations. Gatherings will be available in a hybrid format whenever possible.



# ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

We understand that you may have additional questions that have not been answered in this initial plan. Rest assured that more information will be forthcoming as the fall semester approaches, both on our website and in the student handbook. These documents will share further details about the academic schedule, food service, sick policies, self-quarantining, requirements regarding PPE, and more.

# ACCOMMODATIONS AND SUPPORT

While it is our hope that many of our students and faculty are able to begin the school year together in person, we recognize that some students, faculty, and staff may have personal health situations that put them at particular risk for COVID-19. We support the health and wellness of each of our community members and will do our best to accommodate the unique needs of individual students and employees. If you are immunocompromised or you have particular concerns about your presence on campus, we encourage you to notify the University at [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu).

We are also aware that feelings of anxiety can be heightened in situations such as this. Corban has counselors who are here and ready to help. Please reach out to us at [counseling@corban.edu](mailto:counseling@corban.edu).



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following websites provide important information about COVID-19, health alerts and updates, symptoms and testing, and guidelines for staying healthy:

- **Marion County Health: ReOpening**  
<https://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19/Pages/Reopening.aspx>
- **Oregon Health Authority**  
<https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19/>
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

# QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [covidhealth@corban.edu](mailto:covidhealth@corban.edu) and a COVID Response Team member will respond as soon as possible.

