



# JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

## CHARLOTTE CAMPUS

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Dear Charlotte Campus Students:

Earlier today, Chancellor Runey issued a memo regarding updated university plans for the 2020 fall academic semester. The Charlotte Campus leadership has been in close communication with federal, state and local authorities and today's announcement comes as a result of evolving conditions in balance with our priorities as an academic institution. The following information is specific to the Charlotte Campus for the fall semester.

### Academics

The fall semester begins on Monday, August 31 for all students. Consistent with the university's decision, the Charlotte Campus will welcome the following students to campus:

- First-year freshmen, regardless of major
- Culinary, Baking & Pastry Arts students
- Students in majors that require labs

This decision allows us to reduce density in the classrooms while positioning our first-year students with a more traditional on-campus experience that is proven to affect persistence and retention. Students in required lab courses will have both face-to-face and remote instruction, which will be clearly outlined on your course schedule in jwuLink. Culinary and other laboratory classes will include Fridays and some holidays during the fall semester and will conclude by November 20.

Returning academic students who are not enrolled in lab courses will participate in remote learning delivered in both synchronous and asynchronous formats. Fall internships will continue until the end of the semester, which concludes on December 18. Regardless of delivery format, students are encouraged to seek university assistance either in-person or virtually and review these [Tips for Online Learning Success](#) that will help all learners prepare for remote coursework.

North Carolina continues to remain in [Phase 2](#) through August 7 which limits our current classroom capacity. We are hopeful to move into Phase 3 by the start of the fall semester, and are actively working with the Mecklenburg County Health Department regarding appropriate course capacity consistent with physical distancing and other preventative measures. As we navigate through the delicate balance of safety and accommodating the growth of our student body, the campus will adhere to a strict drop policy for students. **Students must clear any academic or financial holds no later than August 7 after which time, schedules will be dropped.** Once holds are cleared, students can work with their SAFS academic counselors to reinstate their schedules.

## **Residential Life**

Housing will be made available only to first-year students, those returning to campus for lab courses, and students completing internships. **Students who are eligible for on-campus housing must complete their revised housing contract by August 7 to be guaranteed housing.** All students living on-campus will be assigned a single room to support physical distancing guidelines. Housing assignments will only be made for the fall semester to allow the university to make additional decisions on adjustments for spring.

The fall move-in process will be by appointment only and students will select a move-in appointment between Friday, August 21 and Sunday, August 30. Students will receive follow up communication from Residence Life with specific details on move-in procedures. All students are encouraged to minimize any weekend travel during the fall semester to minimize exposure risk to our campus community.

Students must plan to depart campus after face-to-face classes conclude on November 20, and no later than November 24. There will be no access to campus buildings from November 25 until the start of the spring semester move in. Students unable to depart by November 24 will have the option to complete an emergency housing request to stay on campus through December 18. Only City View Towers (CVT) residents will be eligible to stay on campus after December 18 as part of winter break housing, at an additional cost. An application for emergency housing will be available by November 1.

The Student Dining Center will be open 7 days/week and will serve those with Meal Plans or Block Meals. The type of service will be guided by appropriate federal, state, and local guidelines. Meal plans will be available beginning August 21 and will conclude on November 24. Students will receive additional information on dining plans in the coming weeks.

## **Athletics**

Consistent with the university communications and USCAA Conference guidelines, athletic programs on the Charlotte Campus will be suspended through the end of the calendar year (Dec 31). Athletes who would have participated in fall sports will receive additional communications from coaches regarding training, conditioning, and preparations for championships tentatively scheduled for spring 2021. Athletes in winter sports will receive similar communication from coaches regarding guidelines of safe return to play in early 2021.

## **Expectations for your Return**

Anyone returning to campus should begin monitoring health conditions and journaling contacts 14 days prior to their arrival. To simplify the process, all members of the JWU community are asked to download the [CRUSH COVID App](#), which will help keep track of your contacts. You will also complete a [Daily COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#), accessible in the JWU Mobile app. If you receive a green check mark, you are cleared to be on campus and if you receive a red check mark, you will need to contact Health Services by telephone before leaving your room.

It will take our entire community – faculty, staff and students – to ensure a healthy environment throughout the fall semester. The university has developed a COVID-19 code of conduct that applies to all

on and off campus students. If you have not already, please familiarize yourself with our [COVID-19 Conduct policies](#).

### **Cleaning and Protective Equipment**

The cleaning and sanitizing measures in place for the summer session will continue into the fall and will continue to follow federal, state and local guidance. Throughout campus, students will find hand disinfectant and sanitation wipe stations at elevator lobbies on each floor, main entrance hallways, computer labs, libraries, and service desks. Classrooms and large common assembly areas will be cleaned on a regular schedule; special attention will be given to high-touch surfaces such as handrails and doorknobs.

All faculty, staff, students, and guests are expected to wear facial masks or coverings at all times unless alone in a private office/bedroom or during meals. Students, faculty and staff are also expected to maintain six feet physical distancing at all times and practice frequent hand-hygiene.

### **Preparing for Fall**

Whether you will be joining us on-campus or remotely this fall, I am confident that our entire university community will rise to these new challenges as we collectively adapt for an ever-evolving future. Students can expect additional communications from the Dean of Students and Dean of Academic Affairs with additional details on classes and housing.

Warmly,



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