

VIKING PLEDGE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

PURPOSE

Being together and learning from one another is a central value at Grand View University. We intend to come together for in-person campus operations this fall, but we are in a time when a dangerous infectious disease is present in our environment. The evidence suggests that we can be together safely but only if each member of the community accepts responsibility for reducing the spread of the disease. If we experience a significant outbreak of COVID-19 on campus, we may need to cease in-person operations until the disease is back under control.

Sustaining in-person operations is in your hands, and to support community awareness and vigilance, the Faculty Senate and Viking Council have jointly resolved that we expect all members of the Grand View University community to pledge their care for one another.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

Many individuals have been engaged in developing plans for a safe and satisfying fall semester, and those plans, which embed community standards for health and safety based on sound public health guidance, are available on Grand View's website [here](#).

THE VIKING PLEDGE

I agree to each provision of Grand View's Community Pledge for Health and Safety.

- Above all else, I will exhibit care for myself and everyone around me.
- I will avoid discrimination and will treat students, faculty members, and staff members with the respect every human being deserves. I will not allow biases to impede the access and opportunity of others.
- I will avoid ableism – the assumption that the needs of able-bodied persons reflect the needs of everyone in the community. In particular, I will not assume that, because I have no compromising health conditions, persons I encounter have no compromising health conditions.
- I recognize that this is a stressful time, and I will be patient with others as I listen to their concerns and support their physical and mental well-being. I will not shame or belittle others as they navigate the challenges of these times.
- I will use reliable sources to educate myself about the coronavirus, the disease it causes, and actions to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus.
- To identify infection as early as possible, I will follow daily health screening protocols, case-tracking protocols, and testing protocols. I will answer all screening questions truthfully.
- To avoid spreading the coronavirus, I will stay home or in my residence hall room if I experience COVID-19 symptoms, if I have a positive COVID-19 test result, or if I know that I have been exposed to someone with symptoms or who tested positive. I will follow Grand View's protocols for reporting symptoms or exposure and for quarantine or isolation.
- Because I may be infected with the coronavirus without knowing it, I will follow guidelines for wearing face coverings over nose and mouth in class and in other indoor settings, particularly when social distancing cannot be assured.
- I will practice proper hand washing (or sanitizing) and respiratory etiquette (e.g., cover my cough).
- In class and elsewhere on campus, I will maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible and avoid unnecessary large gatherings.
- I will follow the University's guidelines for the safe use of spaces on campus (e.g., disinfecting the equipment I use in the Johnson Wellness Center or laundry facilities).
- When off campus, I will wear a face covering, practice social distancing, avoid unnecessary large gatherings, and minimize contact with people I don't know.
- I will observe local and state health directives while bearing in mind that the measures we take to stay safe at Grand View may be more stringent than those external directives.
- I will avoid non-essential travel.
- I will follow Grand View's rules regarding bringing guests to campus and ensure that any guest I am responsible for knows and complies with the provisions of this pledge and the community standards for health and safety.