

Frequently Asked Questions – Fall 2020

Will classes be held on campus as usual?

Grand View fully intends to offer in-person classes in the fall. Because our average class size is only 17 students and we have no large lectures, we can implement appropriate social distancing in classrooms. We also will implement other recommended mitigation practices.

Will having students on campus be safe?

The safety of our students is a top priority. We are gathering information from several reputable sources and will implement the “best practices” for safety. We will address cleaning and sanitation of physical spaces, recommended and required personal practices, health assessment and monitoring, and preventive measures. Public health officials and the scientific community are constantly learning more about COVID-19 and regularly update their recommendations. We will stay current with those developments and modify our practices accordingly as we approach the fall semester.

If I have health concerns, can I take my courses online?

Yes. Grand View faculty and staff are committed to accommodating your needs and providing quality online instruction so you can continue your education. Certain degree requirements, however, may not be able to be delivered online (e.g., required clinicals). Students should contact their adviser to arrange for and confirm individual accommodations.

If my family has been economically impacted by COVID-19, and I may no longer be able to afford college, is there anything that can I do?

Yes, Grand View has a variety of financial assistance for undergraduate and graduate students who have been impacted by the pandemic. We have emergency funds available that you may apply for [here](#). We recognize that the economic uncertainty is very real for many students and we are here to help. Longer term, you may qualify for additional aid due to changing circumstance, please contact the Financial Aid office at finaid@grandview.edu or 515-263-2820.

What happens if there is a re-emergence of COVID-19 in the fall or winter?

Grand View is preparing for a re-emergence of the virus and will make adjustments accordingly, up to and including moving courses online if that becomes necessary. We are constantly monitoring public health guidelines and will notify you as conditions change.

Are we planning athletic events this fall?

Yes, we are planning on a regular fall athletic season. We will need to follow NAIA guidelines/rules and will also consider conditions in our community and in the communities of teams within our conference. We are also investigating and determining appropriate measures to monitor and safeguard the health of our student-athletes and to accommodate spectators and fans.

Will University housing be open to students?

Yes. We will continue to offer housing to students. We have kept our housing open throughout the pandemic as many students consider Grand View their primary residence. In the spring we implemented additional cleaning and sanitization and will continue that throughout the summer and fall so that students always have a place to stay.

Will the dining hall be open?

Yes, dining services will be open in the fall. In the spring we transitioned to carry-out meals for those students who remained on campus. While serving methods changed, the quality of food did not suffer. Our food service provider, Aramark, is an international company and has access to the best public health guidelines related to food service. We will only return to regular buffet-style food service when it is safe to do so.

Will campus facilities be open to the public?

Yes. We will host events on campus this fall as allowed by community and state mandates. We may need to limit the number of attendees if public health guidelines still restrict gatherings. Given the varying size of event spaces at Grand View, we will make venue-specific decisions as appropriate.

Will faculty and staff with health concerns be permitted to work off campus?

We will work on a case-by-case basis with students, faculty, and staff who express health concerns due to existing health conditions that may pose enhanced risk due to COVID-19. We have successfully demonstrated we can “work from home” and that students can receive instruction remotely. Though we all look forward to the collegial and collaborative environment of being on campus, we recognize and want to support those individuals who may need accommodations.

Will class size being changed to allow for social distancing?

Yes. Grand View’s small classes make it possible for us to arrange our classrooms in a manner that allows for social distancing. We are also looking at class schedules and how we might add sections or alter meeting times to accommodate this.

Will teachers be more understanding about course work if a student is sick?

Yes. Our faculty is working to offer a variety of options for students to complete coursework even if they are unable to attend in person.

Will Grand View have an on-campus site for testing if needed?

We will be following public health guidelines about the need for and availability of testing on campus.

Is there a policy yet on how bathrooms will be cleaned and how often?

We are currently working with our cleaning vendor, FBG, on our cleaning and sanitization processes for the summer and fall. There will be increased cleaning of public areas in the dorms and apartments, classrooms and all campus spaces.

Are there going to be any additional charges for the Covid-19 procedures that Grand View is implementing for the next semester?

No. There are no plans to implement charges for costs related to COVID-19 procedures.

Will there be greater consistency with teaching this fall in terms of class times and structure?

Yes, Grand View is moving to a high-flex model for classes this fall. This means classes will be available both in-person and online simultaneously. This will allow for more structure and consistency in the delivery of the curriculum.

Will Grand View be providing students with face masks?

We have not made a decision yet, but will be following public health guidelines for face mask use.

Will the student health center be available 7 days a week? Or a place a student who has a fever can contact?

We are working on a plan to increase the availability of health care services for students this fall.

Will students be quarantined if positive?

We will be following CDC guidelines on self-isolation to prevent the spread of the virus on our campus.

Are students able to use any of the facilities (including weight rooms and wellness center) this summer?

The State of Iowa's guidelines on closures will be our guide as we begin to open facilities. As those restrictions are lifted, we will follow suit as we are able to safely do so.

Will spectators be allowed at athletic events?

At this time we do not know what the restrictions will be for fall sports and spectator attendance. We are following the guidance of the NAIA and the State of Iowa related to gatherings.

Will there be an extended move-in period this fall over multiple days?

We are starting to plan for fall move-in and will be looking at all options to make it a safe and easy process for students and families.

Will theater and chorale events fall under the large group definition?

We are waiting to see what guidance the State of Iowa provides related to gatherings. It is an ever-changing situation and we will make decisions about events on a case-by-case basis as they occur and following state-mandated guidelines.