

Antonin Scalia Law School Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The following FAQs are meant to supplement the information provided by the University at: <https://www2.gmu.edu/coronavirus>.

Please continue to refer to the University's page for the most up-to-date and comprehensive information regarding the coronavirus, including information about participating in classes and/or activities on campus.

What requirements must I complete if I intend to come on campus at any point this semester?

- **Vaccine Requirement**: Mason is requiring that all students, faculty, and staff get a COVID-19 vaccine to work and/or study on campus when the fall semester begins. For more information, read Mason's [Vaccine Requirements](#) page.
- **Mask Requirement**: All individuals on campus are required to wear a mask indoors, including in classrooms, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required to be worn in outdoor settings by those who are vaccinated at this time; however, unvaccinated individuals are required to continue to wear masks outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained or at a university event. The mask policy, including exceptions, can be [viewed online](#).
- **Safe Return to Campus Training**: If you are planning to be on campus this semester, you must complete the University's "Safe Return to Campus Training." The training is available at: <https://www2.gmu.edu/safe-return-campus/communications-and-training>.
- **Daily Health Check**: There is a health check that must be completed **daily** for anyone who will be on campus, including visitors and guests. The Mason COVID Health ✓™ is available at: <https://www2.gmu.edu/mason-covid-health-check>. You must receive a "green pass" through the daily Mason COVID Health ✓™ system in order to be eligible to come on campus, and you may be requested any time on campus to show that you have received a green pass valid for that day.

What additional health and safety precautions is the University requiring for people on campus?

For full information regarding the University's health and safety requirements, please visit: <https://www2.gmu.edu/coronavirus>.

All members of our community must do their part by:

- [Wearing Face Coverings](#);
- [Observing Physical-Distancing Rules](#);
- [Following hygiene guidelines](#), including frequent hand washing;
- Taking the [Return to Campus Training](#) prior to coming on campus;
- Completing a daily status check with [Mason COVID Health ✓™](#); and
- Informing the University if you have COVID-19, test positive for the COVID-19 virus, or are self-isolating while awaiting test results.

For your health and safety, as well as that of our community, failure to follow the University's guidelines and precautions means you'll be asked to leave the classroom and/or campus.

Students who violate precautions will be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Noncompliance can be referred to the [Office of Student Conduct through their online reporting portal](#).

In what format will the Law School offer courses this semester?

The Law School will offer primarily in-person classes this semester with a few remote and hybrid courses as indicated on the course schedule (hybrid courses being ones that have students attending in-person as well as students attending remotely).

What should I do if I'm attending in-person but I don't feel well, I am experiencing a symptom associated with COVID-19, or believe I may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus?

See the daily Mason COVID Health ✓™ information above. Do not come on campus if you don't feel well, are experiencing any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, or you believe you may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

For full information about what to do in these instances, please see the University FAQs at: <https://www2.gmu.edu/coronavirus>. Please also see the University's specific guidance on what to do to report an illness or positive test results: <https://www2.gmu.edu/safe-return-campus/personal-and-public-health/reporting-illness>

What are my options if I have to miss class because of potential COVID-19 illness or exposure?

If you need to miss class because of a potential COVID-19 illness or exposure (e.g. the Mason COVID Health ✓™ gives you a yellow or red indication, meaning you are not authorized to come to campus), you may utilize an absence under the law school's attendance policy (allowing you to miss up to 20% of course sessions), or you may reach out to your professor (also copying

Associate Dean Annamaria Niels (aniels@gmu.edu) to request remote access to a course session.

If you attend the course session remotely, your physical absence from class will not be counted as an absence against the attendance policy. If you are requesting remote access, please provide as much notice as possible to your professor, as requests close in time to the start of class may not be possible to accommodate. In such instances, we will explore whether alternative arrangements can be made to allow you access to class content missed.

Professors are not required to allow or provide remote access or later access to class content if your absence is due to schedule conflicts or other non-COVID-related reasons. Remote access is intended as a resource to encourage students to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms that could be COVID-related, or if they need to self-isolate because of a potential COVID-19 exposure.

What space will be available in Hazel Hall to study or otherwise hang out on campus in between classes?

The social distancing requirements from prior semesters have been reduced. Most furniture has been returned to common areas, and the library has returned to its traditional seating arrangements. Students may utilize the common areas to study or otherwise hang out in between classes but should be cognizant that classmates and others may prefer to still socially distance.

May student organizations hold in-person events?

Students may again hold in-person events but must abide by the University's event requirements, including limits on food and beverage service, reduced capacity to accommodate guests who need to socially distance, and checks to ensure all attendees (including event speakers) have completed the Mason COVID Health ✓™ and received a "green pass" to be on campus. Student organizations wanting to hold in-person events should contact Denise Beatty, Student Bar Administrator, at dbeatty@gmu.edu.

Is COVID-19 testing available to Arlington Campus students?

If you have symptoms of COVID or believe you have been exposed to COVID, please contact Student Health Services (SHS). Telehealth evaluations will be provided by SHS during business hours in order to determine if an in-person evaluation is needed and where the best location would be given the patient's situation. If the SHS provider determines testing is needed, the provider will decide with the student where the best local testing site would be. Multiple testing and/or in-person evaluation sites have been identified close to the Arlington Campus (within 2-5 miles). Additional information will be provided to students by SHS should the SHS provider determine testing or an in-person evaluation is needed.

The University will also provide random, voluntary, surveillance testing for faculty, students, and staff coming on campus. If selected, you will receive an email at your GMU email address inviting you to participate in voluntary testing in order to help protect against the virus spreading through asymptomatic carriers (i.e., “surveillance testing”). Surveillance testing will be available in multiple Mason locations, including on the Arlington Campus.