

DEAR WYOMING SEMINARY FAMILIES:

We hope you are all enthusiastically anticipating the return to school as much as we are! Wyoming Seminary has remained connected through our "virtual campuses" since March, and we are eagerly readying ourselves to deliver our mission to your family, whether you have chosen to be on campus in Kingston or Forty Fort or to be connected virtually with the Wyoming Seminary community.

Opening as safely as possible, in accordance with the CDC guidelines, monitoring the spread of COVID-19, ensuring our internal procedures are in place, and implementing standards that will mitigate risk in all areas, are the principles that are guiding our decisions. With these guiding principles in mind, Wyoming Seminary is making some adjustments to the start of school schedule.

Anticipating the annual high heat of late August and to bring us in line with the start dates of other local schools, **we are moving the first day of classes to Tuesday, September 8.** The prior week we have put in place an array of virtual orientation and community activities. We have also adjusted the move in period for our boarding students to create staggered arrival dates. This will allow us to monitor local infection rates while securing the health and safety of our on-campus residents. As part of this process we have also expanded our testing procedures for those who live in the dormitories. Please see below for an up to date schedule.

No matter the changes caused by COVID-19, Wyoming Seminary will not waiver from our educational mission and our commitment to community. While we know this year will look different with students and faculty learning in-person and virtually, we remain flexible within an exponentially changing world to do our part to stay healthy and safe, all while being responsible for educating our global community. We value the partnership with our families and look forward to working through this unprecedented year of 2020 to get on the other side of COVID-19 and the impact it has had on so many people across the world.

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[Kevin Rea, President](#)
Wyoming Seminary

Updated schedule for all students

Week of August 31 (no on-campus activities for students)

- Virtual Onboarding (details and schedule for each campus to follow)
 - Virtual parent Q & A sessions for all divisions
 - Virtual orientation for students
 - A detailed schedule for the week will be sent to families
- Health Symptom Tracker System Test
 - All students, faculty, and staff will begin using the symptom tracker from home
 - Health Centers on both campuses will test the system for the week and sort data
- On-Campus
 - Final check of all safety procedures on both campuses.
 - Faculty at both divisions will move through dry runs of their schedules in various new spaces to ensure fluidity throughout the opening days
 - Rehearsing student and faculty traffic patterns in all buildings
 - Run through new drop off procedures at Lower School
 - Installation of tents for outdoor learning and gathering spaces at both campuses

Tuesday, September 8

- In-person and virtual learning begins for all students on both campuses.

Updated schedule for boarding students

Wyoming Seminary is investing in testing kits for boarding students and residential life faculty as part of our moving on campus protocols. COVID-19 testing kits will be sent to the address each boarding student provides. More information on boarding cohorts and COVID testing will be sent to boarding students by Upper School Dean Thomas Morris in the coming days. Please send all questions about boarding schedules to [Tom Morris](#).

Residential Life Onboarding Schedule:

- ***Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20*** – Fall athletes arrive and Student Residential Leaders arrive
- ***Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27*** – Boarding students arrive by cohorts

Updated schedule for boarding students currently outside of the United States

January 2021

- International students currently outside of the United States who are subject to travel impediments due to visa delays and travel bans will participate in virtual learning through January, 2021.
- Students able to travel in January, 2021 should plan to arrive within a three-week window beginning January 4. Students will be provided with more details in the coming weeks.
- The school will keep our valued international families apprised of any changes that may become necessary.

Boarding students quarantining locally

Some boarding students already have plans to quarantine locally with day families. We encourage those students to stay locally and begin the year as day students. Families who have already traveled to Kingston to quarantine, please contact [Stephanie Heerschap](#), Director of Residential Life.