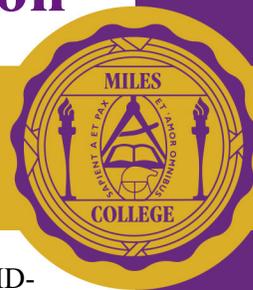


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KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

1. **All classes will start on January 19th.** General Education courses will be offered in a hybrid format. Upper-Division (Major) courses will be delivered virtually.
2. Traditional students interested in taking their courses virtually will have those sections made available to them by contacting their advisors.
3. All students are required to take a COVID-19 test prior to their arrival to campus and present a negative test result upon arrival to campus. **The test MUST be taken between January 10th and January 13th.**
4. Students arriving to campus with a negative COVID-19 test result within the required timeframe will not be required to retest to enter campus.
5. Students arriving to campus with a test result outside of that timeframe will be required to take a COVID-19 test to enter campus.
6. The Spring semester will begin on January 19th, 2021 and conclude on May 7th, 2021.
7. New Student Registration/Move-In is scheduled for January 14th, 2021.
8. Continuing Student Registration/Move-In is scheduled for January 15th, 2021.

SPRING SCHEDULE

Modified Academic Calendar

The academic calendar was modified to ensure the health and safety of our campus community. With these changes, **classes will begin on January 18, 2021 and conclude April 29, 2021.**

The traditional schedule observes **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and eliminates Spring Break.** Please refer to the school's website www.miles.edu and academic calendar for further details.

Hybrid and Online Classes

- **Physical distancing:** All classes will accommodate appropriate physical distancing measures recommended by the Central for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- **Details to come:** You will receive emails explaining the new process and options in detail from the **Office of Academic Affairs.**

Again, our efforts are focused on providing choice while maintaining our community's health.

Classroom cleanliness and safety

Please note that strict cleaning protocols for classroom spaces will be implemented. Students will be appropriately spaced in classrooms and will be required to follow protocols for entering/exiting classrooms to avoid overlap with other students. We will implement multiple measures to ensure cleanliness and we will communicate those to the campus community in preparation for the resumption of courses.

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RESIDENCE HALLS

We will offer on-campus housing options for the fall. The plan will include:

- **Limited occupancy:** We will limit dorm room occupancy to two students per room.
- **Single rooms:** We will work with students to accommodate single room requests for those who are immunocompromised or have other health considerations.
- **Preparing to return to campus:** If you are planning to reside in the residence halls this fall, please watch for an email from our housing staff that outlines move-in dates and procedures, fee schedules and policies, additional checklists and considerations, and tools to help with the transition back to campus.

Similar to our planning for classroom and common spaces, we will implement **enhanced cleaning protocols**, and all residence hall students will be informed of our **shared community responsibilities to maintain cleanliness**.

Community spaces will have new distancing and restricted occupancy expectations, and we will limit the size of gatherings — including those held in residence halls — to maintain a healthy environment.

HEALTH, SCREENING AND TESTING

COVID-19 testing will be mandatory for all students before returning to campus and will be available at any time during the semester for those who are symptomatic. With shared responsibility and a sustained healthy community; together we can support each other in our academic pursuits, in community and in health.

Testing mandate

- All students are required to receive a negative COVID-19 test result prior to arriving/returning to campus.
- Students will not be allowed to move into their residence halls or attend in-person classes and will not be validated until their negative test results are submitted to Academic Records via email at registrar@miles.edu or in-person during move-in.
- For timely results, students are encouraged to schedule testing at their local testing centers and/or pharmacies between January 8th and January 13th to receive their results prior to their scheduled arrival to campus.
- Students must provide authorization to disclose their Health Information to satisfy the joint guidance of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) through their Bearsden Student Portal.

Mask mandate

- In compliance with the Alabama Safer at Home Order, all faculty, staff, and students are required to wear mask before entering any building or campus facility.

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Testing and contact tracing

- Testing of symptomatic people, as well as those in close contact with people diagnosed with COVID-19, is currently underway on campus and will continue in the fall.
- Testing, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, and other measures will be implemented to limit transmission of COVID-19 in our community.

Health monitoring

- All members of the Miles community who come to campus will be required to **self-monitor on a daily basis** for signs of COVID-19.
- Trained staff will conduct **random temperature checks** across campus each day.
- Those with fevers will be required to have a clinical evaluation and to be tested, as appropriate.

In collaboration with University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB), we are developing health education programs and materials to ensure community awareness and understanding of indications of illness as well as risks that lead to the spread of the disease. We will also clearly outline what we expect from members of our campus community to maintain health and cleanliness standards including face covering, distancing, cleaning protocols and general health guidance.

Students may not opt out of community expectations for health and safety — everyone must participate to ensure a healthy campus community. Further information on testing and community awareness efforts will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

If you have questions about how the college is preparing for your safe return to campus, please contact the following offices:

- Admissions and Recruitment: (205) 929-1656
- Academic Affairs: (205) 929-1000
- Student Affairs/Residence Life & Housing: (205) 929-1455 • Financial Aid: (205) 929-1665
- Business Office: (205) 929-1431

This guidance is subject to change with the introduction of additional college or governmental requirements.