**FAQs for Fall 2020 for Off-Campus Students**

*Where can I study or take classes on campus if I live off-campus?*

Students can book study rooms in the library at <https://library.gmu.edu/use/study-rooms>. All the group study rooms have been turned into private study rooms, allowing students to take online courses without bothering other students. Students can also study in the Johnson Center at individual tables throughout all floors.

*Where can I find information for virtual and on-campus events?*

The university has been putting all our events, both virtual and in-person, on [mason360.gmu.edu](http://mason360.gmu.edu/). We know this semester has been challenging for students socially so many offices and student organizations have been adding more virtual events to reach additional off-campus students. Students can check regularly on this website or download the app. Many events require an RSVP, which can be done on Mason 360 as well.

*Are student organizations still meeting?*

Yes, many student organizations are still meeting throughout the semester, either virtually, in-person, or hybrid, All student organizations are putting their information and meeting times on [mason360.gmu.edu.](http://mason360.gmu.edu./)

*I am only on campus for classes for a short time. What are some good options for parking?*

There are short-term visitors parking areas in the Mason Pond, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah parking decks. These are great options to pay by the hour and do not require an advanced purchase. Daily parking options are also available; go to [parking.gmu.edu](http://parking.gmu.edu/) for options and to purchase daily passes.

*I live off-campus but want to eat on campus. What are my options?*

There are retail dining option open around campus, including the Johnson Center Food Court. Hours and locations are available at [dining.gmu.edu.](http://dining.gmu.edu/) Residential dining halls (Southside, Ike’s, and the Globe) are also open for students with meal plans. Reservations for residential dining halls can be made on [Yelp](http://yelp.com/).

*I want to come to campus for an event or to go to an office. Can I?*

Yes! We encourage you to come to campus for any events that you want. Please remember these helpful tips and guidelines.

1. **Don’t Just Go. Let Us Know!** University services will be open, but many are requiring appointments for face-to-face and virtual services. Before you arrive on campus, check the hours of operation and make an appointment. Many student programs also require pre-registration through Mason360.

2. **You are required to wear a mask on campus** – in class, and in every building you enter. You will be able to connect with each other, but you must stay physically distant at events, student organization meetings, and in conversation with each other.

3. **Mason Covid Health Checks**. Each day you plan to come to campus, complete the Daily Mason Covid Health Check and do not come to campus if you are sick or symptomatic.

*I am so excited to see my friends and want to get together off campus. I can do that, right?*

Yes! Please engage in socially distance, responsible get-togethers off campus. Please follow these guidelines.

1. All student events and/or gatherings hosted by an organization, team, and/or individual, both planned and spontaneous, that exceed ten people must occur either virtually or on campus, following approved university guidelines **(**<https://www2.gmu.edu/Safe-Return-Campus>**)**.
2. Organizations and individuals that disregard these health and safety protocols will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. In addition to other sanctions, students that put both themselves and members of the community at risk will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

*Balancing my online classes has been tough. What can I do?*

Make an appointment with an Off-Campus Advisor at [contempory.gmu.edu](http://contempory.gmu.edu/) to talk through a plan to balance your work, school, and life commitments. These are students just like you who have experience being successful in an online setting. Also, check out [Learning Services](http://learningservices.gmu.edu/) to attend workshops for online study skills, time management, and more.