UGA faculty, staff and students are working together to promote safety measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. In residence halls, dining halls and classrooms, Bulldogs are making deliberate decisions to reduce risk as they live, learn and socialize at UGA.

STAYING INFORMED

• UGA has launched a comprehensive public awareness campaign to educate the campus community about various safety measures.
• The Student Government Association is promoting safe practices and new expectations for students during the semester.
• All students must complete a mandatory training module on how the disease spreads, personal accountability, how to use DawgCheck, classroom expectations and more.
• The Student Health Advisory Council helped create the student training module and developed social media updates to inform peers on safety measures. UGA created DawgCheck, an easy-to-use COVID-19 self-screening tool and reporting system that allows students, faculty and staff to conduct daily symptom checks, report a positive test and get detailed information about how to respond to a positive test.
• After completing DawgCheck, users receive an email with instructions detailing next steps. Submitting a positive test for COVID-19 through DawgCheck will alert key UGA groups.
• Anyone submitting a positive test is asked to recall their contacts, whom the Georgia Department of Public Health will follow up with for safe and secure contact tracing. Public health officials strongly encourage people who test positive to notify those with whom they have had close contact, and in many cases, this is the most effective way to notify those individuals.

LIVING SAFELY

• Move-in was spaced out between August 14-19 with a reservation system that enabled social distancing. Masks were required.
• No visitors or guests are permitted within a resident’s assigned room.
• Residence halls have increased cleaning and distancing procedures, including:
  - Installing “stand here” mats to mark and remind people to keep the appropriate distance;
  - Installing plexiglass counter shields at each desk;
  - Rearranging and reducing seating to adhere to social distancing standards;
  - Installing sanitizer wipe dispensers in each common space;
  - Adding touchpoint disinfection every 2-3 hours;
  - Supplying individual hand sanitizer bottles to each resident; and
  - Disinfecting and deep cleaning each community bathroom daily.

For more COVID-19 information and resources, please visit coronavirus.uga.edu or govt.relations.uga.edu/covid-19-resources/.
EATING SAFELY

• Residential dining locations are open for meal plan participants only: visit dining locations to build a to-go plate, make a reservation to dine-in at locations operating with limited seating or order ahead through Grubhub to pick-up ready-made grab-and-go items. Meal plan customers may also visit a Quick Stop location to choose from available grab-and-go items. Retail locations are open to all for to-go service.
• Additional precautions:
  • Converting available food stations to full-service lines;
  • Redistributing and spacing out furniture and seating;
  • Increasing the frequency of cleaning and sanitation;
  • Providing prevention supplies;
  • Adding new hand-washing stations; and
  • Patrons are expected to wear face coverings until they are seated at a table with food and to replace face coverings after eating.

LEARNING SAFELY

• Several course formats are available to faculty and students, including in-person courses, hybrid courses that combine virtual and in-person learning and courses that are conducted completely online.

SOCIALIZING SAFELY

• UGA student organizations are encouraged to conduct virtual meetings. For in-person contact, UGA has provided student organizations with social distancing and safety standards.
• Formal Recruitment for Greek organizations was moved to a virtual format.

SUPPORT WHEN IT’S NEEDED

• Student Care & Outreach engages with all students who test positive for COVID-19 and assists them with housing, academic and other support.
• For students living on campus who are unable to return to a permanent home, University Housing will provide an isolation space.
• For students living off-campus who are unable to return to a permanent home, students should isolate where they currently live. If doing so is not possible, Student Care & Outreach will help identify other options.
• UGA formed the COVID-19 Student Educational and Response Team (CO-SERT) to provide a central point of contact, review, and response or referral on identified questions and concerns involving students and COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.
• The University Health Center offers free wellness and prevention programs and services to help UGA students thrive physically, mentally and socially.