



Office of the President

July 9, 2020

Daemen College
Students, Faculty, and Staff

Dear Daemen Community Members,

Over the past several weeks, the college has made tremendous progress in preparing to welcome students, faculty, and staff safely back to campus in anticipation of starting in-person classes as scheduled on September 8.

Earlier this month, we submitted a comprehensive campus reopening plan to New York State that includes detailed protocols and guidelines on Daemen's resuming on-campus operations and measures to protect the health and safety of the entire college community. The complete plan is available to all MyDaemen users on the daemen.edu/covid19 website.

Daemen's Emergency Response Team, which has led our COVID-19 response since the pandemic began, has worked tirelessly to develop this exceptional in-depth reopening plan, which goes above and beyond what is required by New York State. I extend my deepest thanks to the members of the ERT for all they have done throughout this public health crisis and for creating a plan that promotes a safe and healthy campus environment and a robust college experience for our students.

While we understand there will be an adjustment to the "new normal" when you return to campus, your commitment to adhering to our health and safety guidelines will be key to ensuring the success of our institutional efforts to safeguard the health and well-being of our college community. A number of measures are in place across campus that are vital to reopening, including a process for screening, testing, and mandatory use of PPE; cleaning and sterilization of rooms and equipment; campus signage and floor markers for social distancing; density control for classrooms, offices, residence halls, and other areas; dining services protocols; and adjustments to many other areas.

As part of our reopening plan, COVID-19 testing will be required for all students, faculty, and staff members. We believe that this mandatory testing, which will be done at no cost to you, is a

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