

# Return to **Campus**

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## Return to Campus Phases

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### VANDERBILT RETURN TO CAMPUS: **PHASE II+ / CONTINUE**

- ⦿ Vanderbilt *Phase II+* allows for on campus resident advising activities and education including multiple course delivery options as the university prepares to host in person classes for the fall semester beginning August 24.
- ⦿ Vanderbilt's *Phase II+* includes stricter health and safety guidelines than Metro Nashville's modified Phase II plan and was designed with the university's resident education and research environment in mind.
- ⦿ *Phase II+* will also enable certain experiential learning programs through the School of Nursing and Vanderbilt University Medical Center to occur on campus.
- ⦿ If there are high priority research needs that cannot be advanced at the currently approved Phase II capacities research operations will have the opportunity to request an increase up to 70% capacity with stringent approvals and appropriate COVID 19 safety precautions.
- ⦿ All those on campus must abide by the protocols outlined in the Return to Campus Plan (i.e. symptom monitoring face masks/coverings physical distancing etc.)
- ⦿ Gatherings continue to be limited to 10 people while abiding by the university's physical distancing requirement.
- ⦿ Testing and tracing incident command structure and contact tracing and symptom monitoring system will launch August 10. That system will include symptom monitoring follow up with those students who do not complete mandatory daily symptom monitoring (symptom monitoring is required of all undergraduates and some professional students) and tracking and follow up with those who report symptoms.
- ⦿ Building certifications and recruitment plans will be complete for a *Phase Two+* facilities by August 10.
- ⦿ Detailed plans will be submitted reviewed and endorsed for a *Phase Two+* activities by August 10.
- ⦿ University sponsored international travel to any country and university sponsored domestic travel remains restricted under *Phase Two+*.
- ⦿ The university strongly recommends that everyone reconsider personal travel.
- ⦿ All students are discouraged from traveling out of the Nashville area during the semester.
- ⦿ Graduate and professional student field based training/earning allowed as informed by on campus research activities phased opening and/or clinical/occupational site authorization.

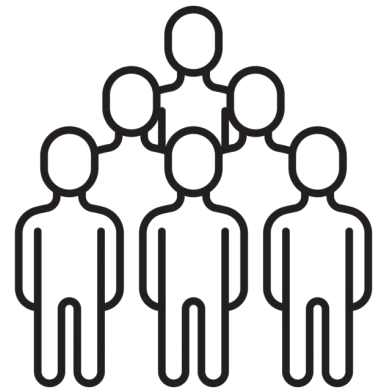
- ⦿ Staff recalled to campus when needed on campus to directly support research instruction and resident advising. Staff who are to be recalled to campus will be notified by their supervisors. Others working remotely.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vanderbilt University's policies and protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic are rooted in safety for staff, faculty, students, invited guests (e.g., contractors), and the public with whom we interact. The health and well-being of our community are critical. Protecting the health of the Vanderbilt community will require long-term effort and commitment, cooperation, teamwork and understanding of values that our community has shown in a multitude of ways in recent months.

As we confront this health crisis, Vanderbilt University will remain steadfast in the constant pursuit of our mission and ideas outlined in the Academic Strategic Plan. Therefore, the university will ramp up in phases with primary mission activities at the heart of all decisions on making. Mission-centric activities are any required on-campus activities that fulfill Vanderbilt's core mission of teaching and research.

Radically different ways of deploying VU campus resources including physical spaces will be necessary as part of establishing a new normal. As we move forward, flexibility will be critical. Vanderbilt University's return to learning and discovering on campus will occur in phases of increased activity and will involve the careful evaluation of data, models and public health recommendations. Protocols will be pragmatic and will evolve over time.



Vanderbilt University's plans for expanding operations and increasing the presence of faculty, staff and students will be guided by the following criteria:

- ⦿ The intentional effort by all faculty, staff and students to exercise both personal and community responsibility. The combined efforts by all members of the Vanderbilt community will create a culture that sustains a healthy and safe on-campus environment.
- ⦿ Existing and projected government restrictions (e.g., safer at home orders, mask requirements, physical distancing, gatherings, etc.).
- ⦿ Public health status: recommendations from the federal government (recently released Opening Guidelines), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- ⦿ Resource availability including personal protective equipment for students, faculty and staff.
- ⦿ Contact tracing and case management protocols.
- ⦿ Physical distancing strategies.
- ⦿ Financial feasibility.
- ⦿ Alignment with Vanderbilt's strategic framework that the ramp up of on-campus activities will support primary mission objectives of the institution (on-campus research, on-campus teaching and instruction).

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- ⊙ ***Flexibility and adaptability to respond to the constantly evolving nature of the pandemic.***

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he Roadmap for Reopen ng Nashv e <https://www.asafenashv e.org/roadmap-for-reopen-ng-nashv e/> fo ows a four phase approach. he Vanderb t Un vers ty Return to Campus P an acknow edges the tr ggers and phases of ramp up for the c ty n wh ch Vanderb t s ocated and dent fies wh ch act v t es ramp up on campus and when. he Vanderb t Un vers ty act v t es that w ramp up are dent fied be ow n each correspond ng phase. **Vanderbilt's ramp-up may lag the Nashville ramp-up and will be tailored to our own unique density, operations, and other considerations as a residential education institution.** he un vers ty w commun cate w th the VU commun ty n advance of each phase. If metr cs of COVID 19 transm ss on and hea th system capac ty change s gn ficant y and Metro Nashv e returns to a pr or phase Vanderb t may a so return to a pr or phase and re mpose restr ct ons on act v t es.

## VAND RB T R TURN TO CAMPUS: **PHASE I / BEGIN**

- ⊙ On campus research ramp up <https://research.vanderb t ed />) to no more than 33% capac ty subject to m n mum 6 feet of phys ca d stanc ng and other safety protoco s (e.g. face masks/cover ngs)
- ⊙ Graduate and profess ona student fie d based tra n ng/ earn ng a owed as nformed by on campus research act v t es phased open ng and/or c n c/occupat ona s te author zat on.
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- ⊙ Staff reca ed to campus when needed on campus to d rect y support research nstruct on and res dent a v ng. Others work ng remote y.
- ⊙ Staff who are to be reca ed to campus w be not fied by the r superv sors and on y those who need to be on campus to d rect y support act v ty ramp up w be requested to return to campus. Others w cont nue work ng remote y.
- ⊙ A those on campus must ab de by the protoco s out ned on th s s te (e.g. symptom mon tor ng face masks/cover ngs phys ca d stanc ng etc.).
- ⊙ No gather ngs <https://www.vanderb t ed /coronav r s/faqs/meet ngs and gather ngs/>) a owed
- ⊙ ***Specific details may be adapted in response to current conditions.***

## VAND RB T R TURN TO CAMPUS: **PHASE III / INTENSIFY & LAUNCH**

- ⊙ On campus research ramp up <https://research.vanderb t ed />) to no more than 70% capac ty subject to m n mum 6 feet of phys ca d stanc ng and other safety protoco s (e.g. face masks/cover ngs)
- ⊙ Graduate and profess ona student fie d based tra n ng/ earn ng a owed as nformed by on campus research act v t es phased open ng and/or c n c/occupat ona s te author zat on.
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- ⊙ Undergraduate instruct on ready for on campus activity and/or enhanced virtual/a ternative platforms.
- ⊙ On campus resident education ready for on campus activity and/or enhanced virtual/a ternative platforms.
- ⊙ Staff recalled to campus when needed on campus to directly support research instruct on and resident activity. Others will continue working remotely.
- ⊙ Staff who are to be recalled to campus will be notified by the respective supervisors and only those who need to be on campus to directly support activity ramp up will be requested to return to campus. Others will remain remote.
- ⊙ All those on campus must abide by the protocols outlined on this site (e.g. symptom monitoring face masks/coverings physical distancing etc.).
- ⊙ May change gathering guidelines <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/coronavirus/faqs/meetingsandgatherings/>. Gathering size restrictions will be communicated as we ramp up.
- ⊙ ***Specific details may be adapted in response to current conditions.***

## VANDERBILT RETURN TO CAMPUS: **PHASE IV / SUSTAIN**

- ⊙ On campus research nearing maximum capacity <https://research.vanderbilt.edu/> subject to minimum 6 feet of physical distancing and other safety protocols (e.g. face masks/coverings)
- ⊙ Graduate and professional student field based training/earning allowed as informed by on campus research activities phased opening and/or clinical/occupational site authorization.
- ⊙ Graduate and professional instruct on ready for on campus activity and/or enhanced virtual/a ternative platforms.
- ⊙ Undergraduate instruct on ready for on campus activity and/or enhanced virtual/a ternative platforms.
- ⊙ On campus resident education ready for on campus activity and/or enhanced virtual/a ternative platforms.
- ⊙ Staff recalled to campus when needed on campus to directly support research instruct on and resident activity. Others will continue working remotely.
- ⊙ Staff who are to be recalled to campus will be notified by the respective supervisors and only those who need to be on campus to directly support activity ramp up will be requested to return to campus. Others will remain remote.
- ⊙ All those on campus must abide by the protocols outlined on this site (e.g. symptom monitoring face masks/coverings physical distancing etc.).
- ⊙ May change gathering guidelines <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/coronavirus/faqs/meetingsandgatherings/>. Gathering size restrictions will be communicated as we ramp up.
- ⊙ ***Specific details may be adapted in response to current conditions.***

**▲ Vanderbilt Phase II+ of Return to Campus Plan** in place.