

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

As we welcome more of our colleagues and students back to our campuses, we continue to discuss, refine and improve our plans regarding the safe utilization of Campus Facilities.

The Response Team recognized that a restful break from your office, computer and responsibilities on campus is important for everyone's well-being; therefore, this topic was addressed over the past few days. I am happy to report that we have created additional safe and secure spaces that will allow everyone to continue with their social distancing practices while enjoying a break or meal.

Downers Grove Campus

- Multispecialty Clinic now has added a new break room/ lunch area, which is located on the 6th floor. This space was previously unoccupied; however, it has now been upgraded to accommodate proper seating for 49 students, faculty and staff. For those of you ordering lunch from the online Cafeteria Menu, Chartwells has expanded delivery services and will deliver your lunch at the time you are requesting, to the location you specify. The first floor lunchroom remains available as well.
- On the Academic Campus, besides the current cafeteria in the Commons, we are establishing two additional dining areas. The Hyde Atrium, in Alumni Hall, will have approximately 12 dining tables and additional seating for 24 individuals. The first floor of White Oak Hall will also have a new dining area and provide seating for approximately 50 members of our community. If you place an online order from the Cafeteria, your lunch will be delivered to your specified location. These new break/lunch areas with new delivery options will be available in the weeks to come.

Glendale Campus

- A new break room and dining area is being set-up for students, faculty and staff scheduled in our many clinics. The first floor of the Companion Animal Clinic will be designated as a new break room space with sufficient room for up to 50 people to safely gather. We are working on a plan to expand online meal ordering and delivery to various locations on campus.
- The Game Room in Barrel II has been converted into an additional dining area, and within the next week, a new break room and dining area will be set up in the Wellness and Recreation Hall for those on campus. Online ordering is available for pick-up and can be enjoyed in either the Cafeteria or Wellness and Recreation Hall which are in close proximity to each other.

I thank our faculty and staff who have returned to our campuses and clinics, as they highlight the importance of being a role model for our students. For the students who have returned, thank you for being a professional and responsible member of our community as you wear your face mask and practice social distancing.

Please know our planning is ongoing and continues to be refined each day; your safety is our priority. I am appreciative of your suggestions, ideas and feedback as we continue to pursue our mission to educate responsible leaders of tomorrow's healthcare team.

Be well.

Dr. G.