



## CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is taking preventative measures to protect the well-being of our community as the coronavirus outbreak continues to be a rapidly changing situation.

Here you'll see several campus communications regarding the coronavirus and related resources.

### **APRIL 26, 2023**

PTS Community,

#### **Case Count**

The Seminary had 0 campus cases of COVID-19 for the week of April 19-25.

#### **Mask Status**

The community level of COVID-19 in Allegheny County is Low; masks continue to be optional on campus.

#### **Return to Normal Operational Status**

*Beginning Mon., May 1,* the Seminary will return to its pre-COVID/normal operational status. What does this mean?

The health check via LiveSafe is no longer required.

The Seminary's policies regarding employees and students who test positive for or are exposed to COVID-19 are as follows:

If you've tested positive for COVID-19:

Alert your professor(s) (students) or your supervisor (employees);

Stay home for at least 5 days after your first symptoms or your positive test, whichever is earlier;

Wear a mask for 5 days upon returning to campus.

What to Do if You've Been Exposed

If you've been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19,

And you've been fully vaccinated and show no symptoms you should,

Wear a mask indoors in public for 5 days following exposure or until a negative test result.

Get tested 5-7 days after close contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Get tested and isolate immediately if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

And if you're unvaccinated, you should

Quarantine for 5 days after your last exposure to the person.

Wear a mask for 5 days upon returning to campus.

COVID-19-related questions are no longer required when scheduling events in 25Live.

Events of 20+ people no longer require Cabinet approval. On a case-by-case basis, some events may still require Cabinet approval because of content, speaker, or date.

We will no longer track the number of campus cases or report them via weekly e-mails.

The Seminary's telework policy remains in effect. Employees are expected to be in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and can telework Mondays and Fridays as their positions allow.

If you feel unwell for any reason, COVID or otherwise, please stay home! Employees, contact your supervisor to decide if working from home or using a sick day is most appropriate. Students, contact your professor(s) if you're unable to make it to class. Work-support students, contact your supervisor to determine next steps.

If public health conditions change, we may adjust the Seminary's operational phase.

Thank you for your cooperation as we've together navigated these last 3+ years as a community. Things certainly have not been easy, but your patience and understanding have been a gift.

Asa Lee, President

## PREVIOUS MESSAGES

**APRIL 19, 2023**

**APRIL 12, 2023**

**APRIL 5, 2023**

**MARCH 29, 2023**

**MARCH 22, 2023**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**MARCH 8, 2023**

**MARCH 1, 2023**

**FEB. 22, 2023**

**FEB. 15, 2023**

**FEB. 8, 2023**

**FEB. 2, 2023**

**JAN. 25, 2023**

**JAN. 18, 2023**

**JAN. 11, 2023**

**JAN. 4, 2023**

**DEC. 14, 2022**

**DEC. 7, 2022**

**NOV. 30, 2022**

**NOV. 23, 2022**

**NOV. 16, 2022**

**NOV. 2, 2022**

**OCT. 26, 2022**

**OCT. 19, 2022**

**OCT. 12, 2022**

**OCT. 5, 2022**

**SEPT. 28, 2022**

**SEPT. 21, 2022**

**SEPT. 14, 2022**

**SEPT. 7, 2022**

**AUG. 31, 2022**

**AUG. 25, 2022**

**AUG. 17, 2022**

**AUG. 10, 2022**

**AUG. 3, 2022**

**JULY 27, 2022**

**JULY 20, 2022**

**JULY 13, 2022**

**JULY 6, 2022**

**JUNE 29, 2022**

**JUNE 23, 2022**

**JUNE 15, 2022**

**JUNE 8, 2022**

**JUNE 1, 2022**

**MAY 25, 2022**

**MAY 18, 2022**

**MAY 12, 2022**

**MAY 4, 2022**

**APRIL 27, 2022**

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**APRIL 13, 2022**

**MARCH 30, 2022**

**MARCH 23, 2022**

**MARCH 17, 2022**

**MARCH 10, 2022**

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**FEB. 23, 2022**

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**JAN. 26, 2022**

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**DEC. 15, 2021**

**DEC. 8, 2021**

**DEC. 2, 2021**

**NOV. 24, 2021**

**NOV. 18, 2021**

**NOV. 10, 2021**

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**OCT. 27, 2021**

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**AUG. 25, 2021**

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**FEB. 24, 2021**

**FEB. 19, 2021**

**FEB. 11, 2021**

**JAN. 27, 2021**

**JAN. 20, 2021**

**JAN. 13, 2021**

**JAN. 6, 2021**

**DEC. 16, 2020**

**DEC. 9, 2020**

**DEC. 2, 2020**

**NOV. 25, 2020 - CASE ON CAMPUS**

**NOV. 25, 2020**

**NOV. 18, 2020**

**NOV. 13, 2020**

**NOV. 11, 2020**

**NOV. 4, 2020**

**OCT. 28, 2020**

**OCT. 7, 2020**

**SEPT. 30, 2020**

**SEPT. 24, 2020**

**SEPT. 17, 2020**

**SEPT. 4, 2020**

**SEPT. 2, 2020**

**AUG. 21, 2020**

**AUG. 19, 2020**

**AUG. 7, 2020**

**AUG. 5 UPDATE - CAMPUS REOPENING**

**JULY 29, 2020**



**JULY 24, 2020**

**JULY 22, 2020**

**JULY 15, 2020**

**JULY 10, 2020**

**JULY 8, 2020 - FALL COURSE DELIVERY PLANS**

**JULY 6, 2020**

**JULY 1, 2020**

**JUNE 26, 2020**

**JUNE 17, 2020**

**JUNE 12, 2020**

**JUNE 10, 2020**

**JAN. 5, 2022**

**JUNE 5, 2020**

**JUNE 3, 2020 - FALL SEMESTER PLANS**

**MAY 29, 2020**

**MAY 27, 2020**

**MAY 22, 2020**

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**APRIL 8, 2020**

**APRIL 3, 2020**

**APRIL 1 - COMMENCEMENT + ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY**

**APRIL 1 - COVID-19 CASE ON CAMPUS**

**MARCH 27, 2020**

**MARCH 25, 2020**

**MARCH 23, 2020 - RESULTS NEGATIVE**

**JULY 27, 2022**

**MARCH 20, 2020 - HOUSING REMAINS OPEN, CONSIDER SHELTER IN PLACE OPTIONS**

**MARCH 20, 2020 - POSSIBLE CASE**

**MARCH 20, 2020 - THANKS, BREATHE, TAKE HEART**

**MARCH 20, 2020 - STAY THE COURSE**

**MARCH 18, 2020**

**MARCH 16, 2020**

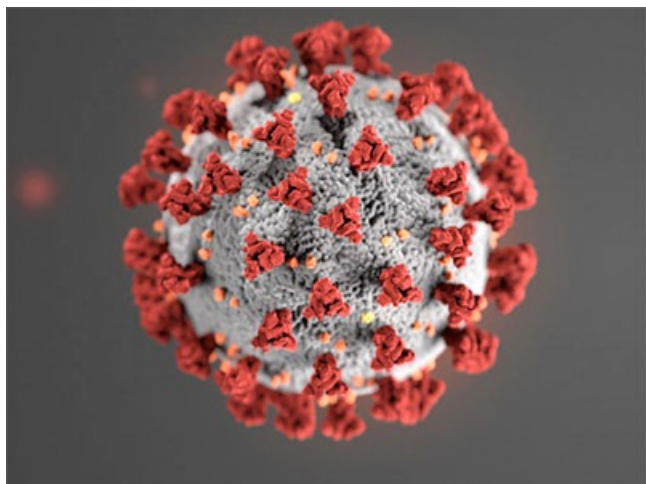
MARCH 13, 2020

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FEB. 28, 2020



## SEMINARY POLICIES - POSITIVE OR EXPOSED TO COVID

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## HELPFUL LINKS

[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) 24/7 Updates](#)

[Allegheny County Health Department Coronavirus Updates](#)

[Isolation and Quarantine Basics](#)

# HEALTH CARE TIPS

**Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for 20 seconds, and make sure you wash your thumbs, wrists, and in-between your fingers. This is the best defense against the spread of all viruses.**

Stay home when you are ill. A day or two of rest will assure quicker recovery and decrease the spread of infectious illness on campus.

Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue or the crook of your arm, and then promptly wash your hands or use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.

Get plenty of rest/sleep.

Get the seasonal flu vaccine. Though not protective against coronavirus, the seasonal vaccine may prevent against flu, which is known to cause possible severe respiratory illness.

## Symptoms for Coronavirus May Include

Runny nose

Headache

Cough

Sore throat

Fever

A general feeling of being ill

# PREVENTING COVID-19 SPREAD IN COMMUNITIES

Protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy. **Check resources from the CDC about best ways to prevent the spread of diseases like COVID-19 in your community.**

# CARES ACT HEERF REPORT

## HEERF I

PTS signed and returned certification with the U.S. government allowing access to funding to help students fund COVID-19 related expenses. PTS received a total of \$40,736 of which regulation requires at least 50 percent be given directly to students. PTS decided the entire \$40,736.00 will go to students in the form of emergency grants.

PTS has approximately 175 students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. However, only 37 students applied for COVID-19 emergency funding. To solicit applications PTS directly e-mailed all current students and invited application. To determine award amounts students self-reported their need and were awarded accordingly. Thirty-three students were awarded grants from the \$40,736. We will continue to update this information every 45 days per federal regulation.

## HEERF II

PTS received an additional disbursement of \$64,694.00 through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. While PTS was only required to utilize \$20,368.00 in emergency grants to students, the Seminary decided to use the entire \$64,694.00 in the form of emergency grants to students.

PTS received 78 applications from students for emergency grants through the CRRSA Act. However, only 68 students were eligible for the emergency grants per guidance from the Department of Education. To determine the award, students self-reported their need and awards were disbursed accordingly. Sixty-eight students were awarded grants from the \$64,694.

**Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act - HEERF II**

## HEERF III

The Seminary received an additional \$119,805.00 from the American Rescue Plan. Of those funds, \$59,902.50 was required to be given in grants to students. The Seminary chose to use the majority of the funds for students financial support. Of the eligible 272 students, 74 people received \$44,002.50 total in summer emergency grants. Students self-reported their need, the awards were disbursed accordingly, and students were able to receive a check or have the funds applied directly to their Seminary account. Additionally, PTS allocated \$13,327.60 in work-study funds for summer employment. The Seminary also spent \$1,188 on the LiveSafe app for COVID-19 mitigation.

**Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act - Quarter 3 2021 - HEERF III**

**Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act - Quarter 4 2021 - HEERF III**

# 2022 QUARTER 1 REPORT

The Seminary had \$18,852.57 remaining in the student portion and \$1,384.40 in institutional portion from the HEERF III grant of the American Rescue Plan. Of those funds, \$20,136.97 was utilized to award students emergency grants in February 2022. Of the eligible 240 eligible students, 65 people received a portion of the \$20,136.97. Students self-reported their need, the awards were disbursed accordingly, and students were able to receive a check or have the funds applied directly to their Seminary accounts. Additionally, PTS allocated \$100 to host a Professional Judgment event on campus to promote and educate students on its availability.

## Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act

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