



COMMUNITY FIRST: The CARITAS Commitment

THE VILLANOVA PLEDGE TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND SAFE

As members of a community that upholds the Augustinian Catholic values of Veritas, Unitas, Caritas (Truth, Unity, Love), each of us must pledge to do our part to help keep all of us healthy and safe. This shared responsibility—to be considerate of others and capable of complying with health and safety requirements—is at the heart of the CARITAS Commitment.

In preparation for our community's return to campus this fall, Villanova has established health and safety requirements consistent with prevailing CDC and other guidance to minimize the spread of COVID-19 on campus. These campus-wide measures will include temperature checks, social distancing, wearing masks or other facial coverings, using PPE, not reporting to work or class if symptomatic, getting tested, and quarantining or isolating as necessary.

Following these protocols will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at Villanova, but we want you to understand that Villanova cannot guarantee an environment free of COVID-19, and coming onto campus may involve some risk of contracting COVID-19. Accordingly, we suggest that students who do not feel comfortable or safe returning to campus this fall consider waiting a semester and re-evaluating their return for the following semester.

Villanovans are known for their resiliency and ability to succeed while serving others. Since the closure, Villanovans have done what Villanovans always do—we have pressed forward—and creatively adapted to circumstances that were ever-changing and seemed beyond anyone's control. It is with that same spirit of fortitude and collaboration that we will come back strong in August, as prepared as we can be, to make the campus a safe living, learning and working environment.

There is still much work ahead, and continued collaboration, flexibility, dedication and hard work is essential for a successful, albeit different, fall semester at Villanova. It is important that every member of our community embody the CARITAS Commitment. By being considerate of others, we are capable of having an incredible fall semester.