

# News from HR

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## Let the New (Academic) Year Begin!

Campus is starting to buzz again as students have been arriving for pre-orientation programs. The rest of the Class of 2025 moves in on Thursday, transfer students arrive on Friday, and returning students will be here Saturday and Sunday — that's almost 2,500 students coming back to campus! Please give our new and returning Clarkies a warm welcome as you go about your business over the coming days.

Also, please join us in welcoming Clark's [new faculty members](#), with a special shout-out to those faculty and staff joining us from Becker College.

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## Let's Have a Healthy Fall Semester

As the academic year gets underway, please be sure to familiarize yourself with the [Healthy Clark COVID Plan](#), which includes risk-reduction measures for the start of the fall semester, such as the vaccine requirement, mask-wearing, testing, and guidelines about visitors to campus.

[Read President Fithian's Aug. 10 message to the community »](#)

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## Read the Updated Clark Commitment

Because so much has changed since last year, we have updated our Clark Commitment for the new academic year. We ask our students, faculty, and staff to embrace its principles, which,

combined with dedication to our community, our diligence, and the Clarkie spirit driving us all, will help us persevere and have a productive and fulfilling semester on campus.

[Read the updated Clark Commitment »](#)

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## COVID Testing Continues This Fall

Clark is reintroducing COVID-19 surveillance testing to start the fall semester. All vaccinated Clark employees working on campus will be part of a once-a-week testing protocol, conducted through the Broad Institute. Those who received vaccination exemptions must test twice weekly.

Testing, which involves a self-administered nasal swab, will take place in the Grace and Lurie conference rooms on the ground floor of the Higgins University Center; testing hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

[Learn more current testing requirements »](#)

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## Fall Semester Update from Mail Services

Staff from University offices and departments should pick up and drop off their mail and packages at the Department Mailroom, located next to the Main Mailroom in the basement of the University Center (take the elevator across from the Information Desk, or the stairway that is just past it). Both mailrooms are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The student mailroom, on the second floor of the UC, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During the first three weeks of the semester, the mailrooms will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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## Fall Building Access

As part of the Healthy Clark COVID Plan, building access policies and procedures have been updated for the new semester.

[See the updated access policies »](#)

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## Policies on Campus Visitors and Travel Updated for Fall

Clark's policies on campus [visitors](#) and [travel](#) have been updated based on the latest COVID-19 guidance.

[Read the University's COVID-related guidelines »](#)

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## Resources and Opportunities

- [Find previous employee newsletters »](#)
- LinkedIn Learning offers a vast catalog of courses covering technical and professional skills, as well as personal development. [Learn more »](#)
- The University's ombudsperson, Israela Brill-Cass, is an informal, confidential, neutral, and independent resource for staff and faculty who want to discuss any topic without fear of retaliation or judgment. [Learn more and make an appointment »](#)
- Visit [ClarkNow](#) for the latest news from campus, and check out where Clark faculty and staff experts appear [in the media](#).
- Learn about employment opportunities at Clark by visiting the [Job Opportunities](#) page on the [Office of Human Resources](#) website.



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