



Release for 2021 Spring Semester On-Campus Experience
Sunday, January 24, 2021 – Friday, March 12, 2021

In consideration of the health risks associated with the global pandemic and the acknowledgement that returning to residence is optional, I have carefully considered all the risks and support my child returning to the residence hall for the 2021 Spring Semester based on the terms outlined by the South Carolina Governor's School of Science & Mathematics (GSSM). My son/daughter and I have read the conditions associated with being back on campus and we agree to all of them. I also understand that GSSM reserves the right to add additional conditions in support of the safety and welfare of the school community. This includes COVID-19 testing as outlined. I acknowledge that I am aware that by returning to residence there are risks to my child including exposure, directly or indirectly, to communicable disease(s) including but not limited to the virus commonly referred to as COVID-19, and/or any mutation or variation thereof. I understand that while GSSM will make reasonable efforts to comply with applicable safety guidelines, GSSM cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, or guarantee that its classrooms, residence halls, and facilities will be free of COVID-19. Accordingly, GSSM cannot and does not warrant, guarantee, or offer assurances that individuals will not be exposed to COVID-19 while on the premises or engaged in school-related activities, or that individuals will not then expose others to COVID-19. I am aware of the risks associated with coming into residence under these circumstances and release, discharge, and hold harmless GSSM, including its employees, Board, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability should my child become ill as result of returning to and participating in the residential instruction program at GSSM or if he/she engages in conduct and behavior that makes him/her especially vulnerable for contracting any illness or injury, especially COVID-19. I also understand if he/she fails to cooperate with the conditions outlined, other specifics that may be later imposed, and/or the GSSM Discipline and Honor Code, my child will likely be required to leave the campus, return to my care, and complete the semester virtually. I also understand that he/she will also forfeit the opportunity to attend further residencies during the 2021 Spring Semester.

All families are expected to complete the information below indicating plans for the first 2021 Spring Semester seven-week period by Friday, January 1, 2021.

I am interested in returning to residence for the first seven-week period. I understand and agree to the terms outlined for moving into the residence hall and living on campus, especially the school's position regarding students who do not cooperate or comply with the terms and expectations. I also understand that there will be another seven-week residency period after Spring Break.

Parent Name (printed) _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Name (printed) _____ Student Signature _____

Date _____

I am opting out of the first seven-week residency and plan to continue my instruction virtually through Spring Break 2021.

Parent Name (printed) _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Name (printed) _____ Student Signature _____

Date _____

This form is only accessible through GSSM's online student and parent portals.

Please print, sign, and date this form indicating your preference after carefully reviewing all information provided regarding the 2021 Spring Semester. Plan to submit it no later than Friday, January 1, 2021. The form must be signed and dated by both the student and parent in order for the form to be complete and considered for submission.

If we do not hear from you by January 1st, the form will automatically default to the opting out preference, and your child will continue virtual learning at home. Late requests will not be considered.

Note that your no is binding, but your yes is not.