

# Gillings Welcome & Orientation Event

## Questions & Answers

One Card	
When will we be receiving our ONE cards? Especially if we no longer have classes on campus?	Please review information on the One Card Office website: <a href="https://onecard.unc.edu/">https://onecard.unc.edu/</a>
for those of us who are not going to be on campus this fall (i.e. living away from Chapel Hill), is receiving a OneCard necessary or can we wait until we are returning to campus?	Contact the onecard office with those questions, here: <a href="https://onecard.unc.edu/features/get-a-unc-one-card/">https://onecard.unc.edu/features/get-a-unc-one-card/</a>
There are very few One Card appointments available at this point, so what should we do if we were unable to get an appointment until after classes begin? How will we be able to enter the building for our in-person classes if we do not have a One Card?	The SPH building will be open from 7am-8pm. You won't need your card to access them during that time.
I am a new grad student at Kannapolis! How do I get my one card without having to come to chapel hill! Thanks	You can visit the website here: <a href="https://onecard.unc.edu/features/get-a-unc-one-card/">https://onecard.unc.edu/features/get-a-unc-one-card/</a> for more information.
Financial Aid	
When will our financial aid and departmental scholarships be released on Connect Carolina?	Departmental and school scholarships will be entered in Connect Carolina over the next month. It's important if you are expecting financial aid or scholarships to request deferment of tuition in Connect Carolina. This will delay when your bill payment is due to allow time for your awards to pay out first.
Where can we go to learn more about GSHIP?	You can reach out to Jenna Keith to inquire about next steps. You can find info about GSHIP at <a href="http://studentbluenc.com/#/uncch-ta/welcome">http://studentbluenc.com/#/uncch-ta/welcome</a> or from your Academic Coordinator.
Where would I find information towards deferring tuition?	Please see the CASHier's website- <a href="https://cashier.unc.edu/payment-options/financial-aid/">https://cashier.unc.edu/payment-options/financial-aid/</a>
The system deferred my tuition bill by a week. Is that enough time for departmental funding to be applied?	Check with the department providing the funding to get a sense of when they plan to enter the award. If there will be delays, you can also work with them to communicate this to financial aid/the Cashier's office.
Is deferment necessary for those of us that are only receiving federal loans as financial aid? Or is deferment mainly for people who received awards/scholarships/outside aid?	Federal aid is typically disbursed during the first week of classes, but deferment is an option if extra time is needed. Deferment is an option available for students who need extra time (about a month) to have their University bill paid.

for those of us who are not going to be on campus this fall (i.e. living away from Chapel Hill), is receiving a OneCard necessary or can we wait until we are returning to campus?

Feel free to contact the onecard office with those questions, here:  
<https://onecard.unc.edu/features/get-a-unc-one-card/>

### Carolina Together Care Kit Pick Up

When/How will we be getting our "Carolina Together Care Kits"?

The kits will be available in the Atrium or Gillings School lobby within the first week of classes and other designated areas on-campus (the other areas you will need a one-card to pick up your kit).

### ARS Accommodations

Will students who are high-risk be able to receive accommodations via ARS to opt-out of in-person classes?

You can reach out to ARS to discuss accommodations and the best way for us to meet those needs. <https://ars.unc.edu>

Are pre admits supposed to attend the EHS meeting tomorrow from 12-1:30 pm? In the email it was addressed for entering juniors so I was not sure if we were supposed to as well

Tomorrow's EHS session is for entering Juniors only.

### Student Health Insurance

When does our student health insurance kick in? and do we get a physical insurance card mailed to us?

Here are some related FAQ's on UNC's Campus Health's website: <https://campushealth.unc.edu/charges-insurance/mandatory-student-health-insurance-hard-waiver-process/mandatory-insurance-faqs>. Yes, a physical card should be mailed to you. Please see <https://campushealth.unc.edu/charges-insurance> for more information. If you are an RA/TA, you can reach out to your department for more information. If you are enrolling in the Student Blue plan you can reach out to Campus Health <https://studentblue.bcbsnc.com>

### Establishing NC Residency

How should we go about establishing residency if we are starting online in a different state? Will we be able to establish residency in time for AY 2021-2022 and if not, will this affect our funding?

Please review the residency info here:  
<https://gradschool.unc.edu/studentlife/resources/residency/>

### Student Support Pods / Peer to Peer Groups

Where can we find more info about the student support pods? How do we join one?

Support Pods can be found on the Virtual Engagement Website. You will see instructions on how to join a pod.

Will an abridged version of the PPT slides be sent out to students for future reference?

Yes, you will receive the presentation. All links will also be available on our website in the Virtual Student Engagement Page.

## Who is My Academic Coordinator?

Can someone share the link to our academic calendars?	You can find the university academic calendar here- <a href="https://registrar.unc.edu/academic-calendar/">https://registrar.unc.edu/academic-calendar/</a>
How do we know who our academic coordinator is?	Great question! See here... <a href="https://sph.unc.edu/files/2020/03/Who-is-my-Academic-Coordinator-3-12-20-update.pdf">https://sph.unc.edu/files/2020/03/Who-is-my-Academic-Coordinator-3-12-20-update.pdf</a>

## Communications with Instructors

Do we just email our professors directly in those cases? Or is there another form?	I would suggest that you review each individual syllabus per course to understand what that instructor's attendance policy is and information related to being out due to sickness. Feel free to also write to professors talking about your interest in their research and wanting to meet with them.
If professors are not responding to emails requesting instructor permission, are there any other steps for requesting permission? My academic coordinator and I been emailing some professors since April and have gotten 0 responses.	Instructors receive many emails about gaining entrance to courses, and in some cases may not be able to answer those emails until classes begin...you could always contact that department directly to see if they know if there will be any options for registration for that specific course. If the professors are in another department, you might try reaching out to the Academic Coordinator in that department for assistance and staying in touch to get updates.

## Forms/Policies - Registrar Questions

Are UAAs only for extended absence or also for single day absence due to illness (ie. food poisoning etc., common cold, etc.)?	No, they are not typically for those instances.
If you were to take another class during one or more of the semesters (say 12 credits instead of the 9/10 credits recommended via the study plan), could you take extra electives then in the final semester and go above the 42 credits for an MPH? Would it cost extra to go above 42 credits?	You can take more than 42 credits as an MPH student. Please reach out to your Academic Coordinator for questions about your specific advising plan.

## COVID-19

Will COVID-19 limit research opportunities for new undergraduate students?	I would suggest you discuss research options directly with your Undergraduate Program Director
With the cases of COVID-19 increasing around the country and within the state while also considering that many people will be arriving to campus, what is the likelihood that all courses will switch to virtual/remote?	The UNC Chancellor will be assessing this daily/weekly and will apprise us of any changes/pivots accordingly.

## Gillings Swag

<p>I heard that first-year students typically get a Gillings T-Shirt (black with the blue letters) during orientation, and I wanted to know if we were still going to be able to get ours?</p>	<p>New students will receive shirts. Since we have been off campus, we will need to creatively find a way to get each new student their shirts. We are also planning a spring event for new students and at that point provide something for new students. We will send updates about this soon!</p>
<p><b>Building Access</b></p>	
<p>There are very few One Card appointments available at this point, so what should we do if we were unable to get an appointment until after classes begin? How will we be able to enter the building for our in-person classes if we do not have a One Card?</p>	<p>The SPH building will be open from 7am-8pm. You won't need your card to access them during that time.</p>
<p>Can the above questions and the recording be shared later?</p>	<p>Yes, we will share the Q&amp;A as well.</p>
<p><b>Gillings Newsletter</b></p>	
<p>How do we sign up for the newsletter?</p>	<p>Sign up for the Gillings E-Newsletter here:  <a href="https://sph.unc.edu/comm/front-lines-newsletter/">https://sph.unc.edu/comm/front-lines-newsletter/</a></p>
<p>Is today's session being recorded? If so, will it be accessible after orientation?</p>	<p>We will post this information on the Gillings Welcome Events website</p>
<p><b>Inclusive Excellence Trainings</b></p>	
<p>Can students who are not TAs complete the inclusive excellence training if they want to?</p>	<p>Yes, current students had options to take part in the trainings</p>
<p>Can you share the link for the inclusive excellence trainings? Thank you!</p>	<p>We don't currently have any scheduled, but here is our list of trainings:  <a href="https://sph.unc.edu/diversity/inclusive-excellence-trainings/">https://sph.unc.edu/diversity/inclusive-excellence-trainings/</a> Keep an eye on your email for announcements of upcoming trainings! :-)</p>
<p><b>Was this webinar recorded?</b></p>	
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