

CAMPUS STATUS

MASS ACADEMY SENIORS / WPI

The Campus Alert Status Level is determined by WPI's leadership team with consideration to a number of internal and external COVID-related factors that include:

- **State and local guidelines and mandates.**
- **Greater community infection rates and healthcare capacity.**
- **On-campus positive test rates, contact tracing, and cluster tracking.**
- **Campus capacity for healthcare, quarantine, and isolation.**
- **Campus access to appropriate supplies and staffing for infection protection and ongoing operations.**

WPI SAFETY DASHBOARD

<https://www.wpi.edu/we-are-wpi/health-and-safety/dashboard>

Alert Level White – High Density, In-Person Activities

- **Not anticipated for fall 2020.**
- **Prevention practices are gradually lifted.**
- **Campus activities return to pre-pandemic level.**

Alert Level Green - TechFlex On Campus

In-person, hybrid, & remote learning.

- De-densified residence halls and
- Research operations open.
- Some employees work

Alert Level Yellow – Two Week Remote

- Most students shelter-in-
- Remote learning with rare
- exceptions. Scale back research
- operations

Alert Level Orange – Limited On Campus

- Most students return home.
- Remote learning with rare exceptions.
- Scale back research operations.
- Scale back on-campus faculty/staff.

Alert Level Red – Severely Limited

- Fully remote operations.
- No in-person courses.
- Emergency responders only

MASS ACADEMY JUNIORS / 85 PRESCOTT STREET

The Campus Alert Status Level is determined by Mass Academy's Director and Faculty, in consultation with WPI's leadership team, with consideration to a number of internal and external COVID-related factors that include:

- **State and local guidelines and mandates, including DESE guidelines.**
- **Greater community infection rates and healthcare capacity.**
- **On-campus positive test rates, contact tracing, and cluster tracking.**
- **Access to appropriate supplies and staffing for infection protection and ongoing operations.**
- **Faculty assessment of instructional delivery**
- **Survey of students/parents**
- **Movement between levels will be reviewed every two weeks at faculty meetings, and when possible, a minimum of 1-week advanced notice will be given to students and parents when a level change will transpire.**

Alert Level White – High Density, In-Person Activities

- Not anticipated for fall 2020.
- Full in-person instruction
- Prevention practices are gradually lifted.
- Campus activities return to pre-pandemic

Alert Level Green -

In-person, hybrid, & remote

- De-densified classrooms, masks required, social distancing.
- Cohorts report to school once or twice per week
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Alert Level Yellow –Remote Learning

- Remote learning with rare exceptions (i.e. PSAT on site-not offered on line).
- Scale back on-campus faculty/staff.
- Faculty on campus part time

Alert Level Red – Severely Limited

- Fully remote
- No in-person courses.
- Emergency responders only on



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Good morning Class of 2022 families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I wanted to send you a brief update on the opening of school, as well as information from WPI and the Massachusetts Department of Education, as we plan for the upcoming school year.

The keys to this year will be proactivity, flexibility, and community responsibility. As we continue to deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and maintaining safety of our community as our top priority, we will ask all of you to be #techtgether in helping us.

It all begins with agreeing to some basic community standards:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands (a lot)
- Cover your face
- Watch your space

The faculty has met to discuss scheduling and logistical parameters around classes, classroom spacing, and instructional delivery, and that work continues. We are committed to providing you with an exemplary educational experience. There will be some challenges presented with the ongoing situation, and it will not be business as usual, but together we will find ways to engage and challenge you to make this a tremendous two years.

Examples of some solutions will be phased lunches by section (so there is no crowding in the Brickyard), mask breaks outside in the courtyard, moving classes to larger spaces or dividing sections for worktime (library, brickyard). Because of physical distancing requirements, more collaborative activities may be virtual through Teams or Zoom, even within the building.

As of now, major events that bring together large groups (Junior/Senior orientation, Parent Academy, information sessions) will be redesigned or rescheduled. It is unlikely that we will travel to Camp Bournedale, as WPI is on travel restriction at this time. Alternative activities will be planned to achieve the same goals and objectives.

The Department of Education has also required that we submit several alternate educational plans in case there is a resurgence of the virus (all school districts in Massachusetts are required to do this). We have designed plans that have students in school, that include fully remote learning, and a hybrid model of alternate days and / or weeks in school and remote. We must also be prepared to teach/learn remotely for a period of time if we have a positive test in school. Once again, safety is paramount. That is why it is critical that students self-monitor daily and stay home if they are not well. Students will be able to keep up with their work remotely.

There will be more updates coming from this office in the next few weeks. Again, if there are major changes in the Commonwealth, we will adapt to the conditions and respond accordingly, keeping safety as the priority.

As of now, the first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th. We look forward to seeing everyone in person on that day!

Enjoy your summer !