Dear Families of the Class of 2025,

The Notre Dame campus is alive with anticipation and excitement! We join you in joyful preparation as we eagerly count down the days until your family’s arrival. As the summer draws to a close, we write with a few final updates to help you and your student navigate these first steps of your Notre Dame journey.

Welcome Week Schedule

The Welcome Week schedule has been confirmed and is outlined on the Welcome Week website. Students can confirm the time they selected to move into their new residence community within the home. Under the Campus Life tab and in communication sent by your Residential Life facilitator. Details about the move-in process can be found on the Residential Life website.

As you prepare for Welcome Week, please refer to the various schedules that identify required programs for students and/or family members and optional opportunities that might most resonate with your interests and schedule. The Welcome Week experience for all parents and guests will officially end after our community has gathered together for the Welcome Mass in the evening of Saturday, Aug. 21.

Welcome Week App

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Parent & Family Virtual Resources

In addition to the in-person and HopUp opportunities for you and your student, the Welcome Week website is home to virtual Parent & Family Welcome Program. This program seeks to provide a glimpse into a student’s first year at Notre Dame, the joys, challenges, and opportunities that lie ahead, and the partnership our community hopes to build with parents and families. The video series offers insights from University leaders into the ways they seek to accompany and serve you and your family. You may use this link and serve you and your students in navigating the transition and beginning to find a home at Notre Dame. We hope these virtual resources complement your in-person experience.

Guest Mask Requirements & COVID-19 Updates

At this time, the University has adopted a policy in which all visitors to campus, regardless of vaccination status, are required to mask when entering and interacting in buildings (except when eating and drinking), including residence halls. Masks are not required outdoors. Any person who would prefer to wear a mask in any setting is, of course, welcome to do so. Vaccination rates in St. Joseph County are considerably lower than the 90%+ rate within our campus community. In response, Notre Dame urges students and guests to mask when shopping, dining, or otherwise interacting in the local community. This recommendation is inspired by our desire to promote both your and that of our partners and neighbors in the greater Michiana area. For more information on the University’s evolving response to COVID-19, please visit covid.nd.edu.

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