Ensuring Attendee Safety
COVID-19 and Updates on your GRC
at Mount Holyoke College

How GRC is Supporting Your Health

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices, updating venue pages on a weekly basis. We are currently working with our venues to implement social distancing practices at our conferences in 2021 as needed.

As always, the health and safety of our communities are GRC’s highest priority, and we are working to ensure you’ll be able to join us safely and comfortably in 2021.

Mount Holyoke’s Commitment to You

- Operating level two — also referred to as “yellow” — provides residential students, faculty and staff access to additional buildings, resources and programming on campus. Residential students are able to leave campus only to go to the Village Commons, off-campus health appointments and to use campus-provided shuttles.
- Guests are currently not allowed on campus.
- Anyone currently working on campus is required to test regularly and must wear a mask on campus.

Massachusetts’ Current Regulations
(as of March 11, 2021)

- Reopening Massachusetts

- Starting March 1, restaurants will no longer have a percent capacity limit, but social distancing has to remain in place. Larger venues are capped at 500 people, excluding employees.
- Face coverings required in public situations when appropriate social distancing is not possible.
- Hotels, Motels and AirBnBs are now open. Hotels will have to follow a checklist that includes social distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting.
- Travel guidelines lifted for those from Vermont, and Hawaii.

- Information and updates from the Massachusetts Department of Health can be found here.
ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Logan Airport (BOS): Located 93 miles east of South Hadley

GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus here and click here to see what Concord Coach is doing to protect you.

Rental Car: GRC receives discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car via contract ID XZ49019. Enterprise has a Clean Car Pledge to combat the spread of COVID-19.

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm in Creighton Hall.
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GRS check-in is from 2:00-5:00 pm on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in single or double occupancy dorm rooms with twin beds.
• Air-conditioning
• Non-smoking
• Shared bathrooms down the hall
• Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout campus
• Linens and towels provided (please bring your own toiletries.)

If looking for alternative accommodations, please call the Willits-Hallowell Center at 413-538-2217 or book online.

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• Mount Holyoke requires face coverings when social distancing is difficult to maintain in areas such as, the Dining Commons, prior to entering all buildings and outdoor areas where keeping a minimum of 6 feet apart is not consistent.
• Mount Holyoke will be hosting half of their students on-campus to de-densify the campus.
• Mandatory testing upon campus arrival while maintaining a social distance from others, students must wear a face mask when around others and outside residence hall or private office.

Amenities:
• Fitness center
• Pool
• Track, racquetball, squash, basketball and volleyball.
• Grass Sports field
• On-site parking
• Laundry available on-site
• Mobility accessible rooms

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dress is Casual
Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and/or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities
Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various on-site and off-site activities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mount Holyoke is located within 20 minutes of hospital facilities.

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MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in Willits-Hallowell Conference Center Dining.

Vegetarian selections are provided at all meals. Gluten-free and Kosher meals are available at the venue with advance notice.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

Science Sessions are held in Gamble Auditorium.

Poster Sessions are held in Chapin Auditorium.

Poster board dimensions are 4 feet X 4 feet.

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

Check-out is at 9:00 am.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG