

July 21, 2021

Hello!

We have great news regarding dining operations for the coming academic year. All **COVID-related restrictions imposed last year will be lifted** as long as we remain in our current operating status. That means that when you eat in PJ's (dining hall) ...

- There will be no physical distancing requirements when standing in line.
- Reservations will not be required.
- Self-service will return to many of the areas inside.
- Seating will not be limited to two people per table or booth.
- The plexiglass barriers will be gone...so you'll actually be able to hear the person on the other side of the counter.
- All students will, however, be required to wear a face covering when not eating. Face coverings are required inside all university buildings regardless of vaccine status.

If our operational status changes, some dining restrictions will be imposed for the safety of our students and campus community.

Here are couple other things we want to share with you:

- If you have special **dietary needs due to reasons such as a medical condition, food allergy/intolerance, religious beliefs**, Chartwells' culinary team will work with you to customize menus for you. Information on the attached document contains information on how to confidentially identify yourself as having special dietary needs.
- You are able to **change your meal plan** any time between now and the end of the third business day of the semester (August 31). After that deadline, you are welcome to change to a higher meal plan but cannot change to a lower plan or cancel your plan.
- **Dining Dollars will carry over** from the fall-to-spring semesters provided you are enrolled in a meal plan for both of those semesters. **Meals do not carry over** and all dining dollars will expire at the end of the spring semester.
- **The Daily Grind is back!** We are reopening our Blackington Hall location in the fall.
- **Meal plans** typically go into effect the day before classes begin. This year, however, we have made arrangements for students to begin using their meal plans with the evening meal on Monday, August 23 at no additional cost to you. Retail operations will be open during their normal business hours effective 5 p.m., Thursday, August 26.

- **Chartwells is hiring!** If you're looking for part-time employment conveniently located on campus with flexible hours, free meals for each shift worked, and starting pay of \$10.30 visit dineoncampus.com.upj for more information!

Students required to complete a **shelter-in-place period** upon arrival on campus will be provided with information on how to retrieve their meals during that period. Those students will not be permitted to eat in the dining hall.

And, lastly, don't forget you can always get your **PJ's meals to-go as part of the Go Green** program. You are charged a once-a-semester meal swipe for the container and then one meal swipe each time you fill the container with a to-go meal. Any time you return to PJ's for another to-go meal, just bring your container and you will be given a new one. These reusable containers are then sanitized and ready for the next customer.

The University will continue to communicate with you throughout the summer with additional updates for the fall semester. So, please remember to check your Pitt email account frequently.

If you have any dining-related questions, please call us at 814-269-7115 or send an email to upjmeals@pitt.edu. Dining information is also available at: <https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/dining/>

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we can't wait to see you in August!

Your Pitt-Johnstown Dining Services Team

PS: The Boost mobile app can still be used to place your order in advance for the Tuck Shop, Pitt Stop, or Daily Grind! Place your order, pay with Dining Dollars (or meal swipes for meal exchanges), and your order will be ready when you arrive!