

BACK, BLENDED, BETTER: Q&A HEALTH & SAFETY



Information on Vaccinations, Social Distancing, Ventilation and Cleaning, Masks, Food and Drink.

Vaccinations

OLLI MEMBERS:

During fall registration, OLLI members will be required to attest to being fully vaccinated. (*I hereby attest that I have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 with an FDA- or WHO-authorized vaccine, or that I have one of the following two vaccine exceptions: a sincerely held religious belief or a documented health condition. If I have a vaccine exception, I commit to wearing a mask at all times while on campus, including in the classroom.*)

Proof of vaccination will not be required, but attestation is a legal acknowledgement of authenticity. All members will be required to attest even if they select only virtual study groups, as they could be on campus for programming or other services such as the University library.

NORTHWESTERN STAFF AND DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS:

All OLLI staff members have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Northwestern will require all faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated, subject to limited exceptions. Unvaccinated staff, faculty, or degree-seeking students who are on campus are required to complete twice-weekly COVID-19 testing, complete the daily symptom tracking, and wear a mask in all shared indoor settings.

Social Distancing

- Classrooms and Common Areas: According to State mandates, CDC guidelines, and Northwestern policies, there are currently no social distancing restrictions in classrooms or common areas.
- Elevators:
 - o CH: No current limitations.
 - o EV: Elevators are currently limited to four people; however, this could be increased before the fall. Stairwells are locked due to security concerns.

Ventilation and Cleaning

- CH: Building ventilation is MERV 13; the building is thoroughly cleaned nightly; hand sanitizer and wipes will be available throughout the building.
- EV: Building ventilation is MERV 14 and uses airPHX filters on each floor; the building is thoroughly cleaned nightly; hand sanitizer and wipes will be available throughout the building.

Q&A: HEALTH & SAFETY, CONT

Masks

- Common areas such as building lobbies, elevators, and restrooms:
 - o CH: Masks are only required for unvaccinated individuals.
 - o EV: Masks are encouraged for vaccinated individuals and required for unvaccinated individuals.
- OLLI classrooms and OLLI specific hallways/common areas: Masks only required for unvaccinated individuals.

Food and Drink

- Food and drink are discouraged in the classrooms but allowed in common areas. We encourage drink lids.
- Water fountains:
 - o CH: Drinking fountains have been flushed and are fully operational.
 - o EV: Drinking fountains are not yet operational. You should bring your own water if needed. We will notify you if this changes before the fall term begins.
- CH: Kafé Kellogg - We anticipate that this café will open in the fall, but we do not yet have confirmation.
- EV: Coffee will no longer be available, but you may bring your own.

BACK, BLENDED, BETTER: Q&A REGISTRATION & LEARNING



Information on Study Group Delivery Methods, Membership Purchases, Registration Process.

Delivery Methods

STUDY GROUPS:

This fall will be full of choice — OLLI will offer 30% virtual study groups and 70% in-person study groups. Due to the negative impacts on engagement, technical complications, and resource constraints, at this time, no single study group will be offered as a hybrid option in which some members of a study group are in-person and some members are virtual. Each study group will be either 100% virtual or 100% in person.

Due to classroom space planning and varied member location, no study group that chooses to be virtual will be able to switch to in-person later in the term. Virtual study groups must remain virtual for the full 14 weeks.

LECTURES:

Noontime speakers may be in-person (at either campus) or virtual depending on their location and availability. Because noontime lectures are lecture-based vs. discussion-based, we will offer these as hybrid experiences in which some members can be on campus together (in a classroom together with the speaker or in a classroom together with the speaker on Zoom), while others can continue to join via Zoom webinar from their homes.

Space

Space is at a premium in both buildings we occupy. As a result, it is unlikely that there will be unoccupied classrooms for members to participate in one of their virtual study groups from campus. There are common spaces throughout campus and even local coffee shops where a headset or earbuds could be effective. However, we do not recommend participating in a virtual study group from a common area where your participation might be a disruption to others. Therefore, please choose your study groups carefully so you can be either on campus or at home when need be.

Membership Purchases and Registration

When considering your membership purchase, know that you can purchase a full year membership and participate in-person and/or virtually throughout the year.

- OLLI members with a full year membership receive the benefit of a Northwestern Wildcard (see below for specifics).
- This fall OLLI will offer 30% virtual study groups and 70% in-person study groups. We anticipate coordinators will continue to offer both delivery types in all future terms, so you can enjoy this level of choice going forward.

Q&A: REGISTRATION & LEARNING, CONT

- All winter study groups will always be virtual in order to:
 - o eliminate the commute during Chicago's inclement winter weather,
 - o provide access to study groups from any location, considering our many members who travel during the winter months,
 - o continue to engage members from both Northwestern campuses and beyond.
- No matter where you choose to spend your winters (or springs, summers, or falls!), the Northwestern OLLI community and its stimulating learning continues to be accessible and ready for you.

Membership Purchases and Registration will continue to be online. However, if you truly do not have the equipment needed to complete these tasks online, OLLI staff and volunteers are providing limited hours for in-person assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. (If you have been registering online over the last year, these office hours are not appropriate for you, as we expect nearly all members to continue to register and pay for memberships via the online registration system.)

Chicago OLLI Office open for in-person membership purchase assistance (only for those without the equipment needed for online registration)

August 3rd from 1pm – 4pm

August 4th from 1pm – 4pm

Evanston OLLI Office open for in-person membership purchase assistance (only for those without the equipment needed for online registration)

August 10th from 1pm – 4pm

August 11th from 9:30am – 12:30pm

Both OLLI offices open for in-person registration assistance (only for those without the equipment needed for online registration)

August 16 from 9am – 2pm

Choice and Flexibility

Our return to campus will be one of choice – virtual or on campus experiences to meet your needs, study group days and times to meet your schedule, and topic areas to meet your interests. We are proud of the outstanding level of variety you will see in the fall catalog.

Remember, every study group will have a maximum number of seats in order to maintain the high quality, peer-led learning model that Northwestern OLLI is known for. As a result, not everyone may get into their first choice. However, members are often pleasantly surprised and pleased by their second, third, or even fourth choice study group which expanded their interests and their friendships. In the spirit of lifelong learning, we encourage members to keep an open mind when registering. There are many outstanding study groups from which to choose!

BACK, BLENDED, BETTER: Q&A LOGISTICS & SERVICES



Office Hours, Important Reminders and Dates, Information on Northwestern Services like Wildcards, Libraries and Intercampus Shuttle.

Office Hours:

OLLI staff will return to campus permanently on August 30.

The offices will be open to members from 9am – 4pm (less a flexible hour for lunch)

CH: 339 East Chicago Avenue, Wieboldt Hall, Chicago, IL 60611

EV: 500 Davis Center, Suite 700, Evanston, IL 60201

Note: OLLI members can arrive up to 45 minutes prior to a study group or event, but your classroom may be occupied until just before your start time. Please be respectful of other groups' time in our limited spaces.

Important Reminders

The OLLI Way

As a lean staff, we do the very best we can to provide an outstanding experience for each and every OLLI member. Our community values kindness, patience, positivity, and respect – something we call The OLLI Way. These values are critical as members, staff, and volunteers interact with one another. They will be especially important as we manage the logistics, fun, and excitement associated with our transition back to campus. Thanks to all of you for embracing the OLLI Way.

We've Got You

A smiling group of volunteers will join our lean but enthusiastic staff in welcoming members back to campus. We want everyone to feel comfortable and welcome. Look for OLLI VOLLI nametags to identify those who can answer questions and point you in the right direction. You can also check the digital sign boards for the location of each study group. In CH, these are located on floors 1, 4, and 5; In EV, these are located on floor 7. We can't wait to see you!

Important Dates

August 1: Catalog becomes available; Membership purchases begin

August 16: Registration begins

August 30: Registration ends

August 30: OLLI staff back on campus permanently

September 7: Fall term begins

Q&A: LOGISTICS & SERVICES, CONT

Northwestern Services

LIBRARIES:

The Main Library building in Evanston is now open. [Click Here](#) for more information.

The Schaffner Library within Wieboldt Hall remains closed. We will provide more information on this site as we know more.

INTERCAMPUS SHUTTLE: Fully operational and available to OLLI students with a current Wildcard that contains your photo. [Click Here](#) for shuttle information:

WILDCARDS: Wildcards will be issued to all OLLI members who purchase a full academic year membership. The OLLI and Wildcard staff will begin processing Wildcards after registration closes on August 30. We ask for your patience as this will take several weeks to process, print, and be mailed to your home. If you're a current Wildcard holder, your current card will be valid through September. [Click Here](#) for benefits of the Wildcard.

COMPUTER LAB: CH: There is no longer a computer lab in Wieboldt Hall 4th floor.

** Campus Specific Information: OLLI is subject to the standards of the buildings we occupy. Therefore, some Evanston (EV) practices will be dictated by building management at 500 Davis Street; some Chicago (CH) practices will be dictated by Northwestern University for Wieboldt Hall.*