STATEMENT OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

We are living in unique and uncertain times. None of us knows for sure what the future holds, but at Andrews University we know this—we are going to have a full University experience this fall. We are working hard to ensure that whatever shape the curriculum and co-curriculum takes, it will continue to be the excellent, collegial and productive experience that drew you to Andrews University and to all that we all cherish.

At this point we have made the decision to provide an on-campus experience in as full a way as possible. This will be a combination of face-to-face, hybrid and some remote experiences. We are committed to meeting federal, state and local health guidelines in all we do.

Of course, in the current fluid environment, we cannot promise that the situation will not change. If it does, and we are forced to move to more remote delivery of education and services, we will do so with your education and safety in mind.

Please understand that whether on campus or remote, a few things are certain:

- Andrews University holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community, and we take seriously our responsibility to create an environment where those principles drive our decisions.
- Having said that, none of us can guarantee what shape COVID-19 will take, and none of us—including Andrews University—can guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. Unfortunately, this is simply not feasible and that means that there is an inevitable risk of infection that we voluntarily accept as we work and study.
- Taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Andrews University is a shared responsibility. Every member of our community—including you—must do their part. This means adhering to national, state and local health guidelines and requirements, as well as adhering to those measures that Andrews University deems safe and appropriate for its campus. Andrews University reserves the right to impose guidelines that exceed the requirements of the various health agencies. Specific details will be provided as circumstances dictate, but this will include such things as requiring temperature checks, social distancing, wearing masks or other facial coverings, using other PPE, not reporting to class or work if sick, and isolating and quarantining when required. You agree to do all of this not just for yourself, but for the safety of others, and because this is consistent with the Andrews University Covenant of Care.
- In complete transparency, you understand that if you return to the physical campus of Andrews University, there is a risk you may contract COVID-19. Despite the University’s efforts to comply with all COVID-19 mitigation recommendations, we cannot categorically guarantee this will not happen. You come to campus acknowledging and understanding this possibility.
- Finally, whether you are on the campus of the University studying face-to-face or through a hybrid model, or whether you are studying remotely, tuition and most fees will be the same. The tuition and fees you pay are in exchange for learning, academic credit, and certain non-academic services that will be provided whether delivered face-to-face, in a hybrid environment, or entirely remotely.
- For these reasons, if for some currently unplanned reason, the campus has to change its delivery method mid-semester, tuition and most fees will not be reimbursed. However, in that situation, the University may rebate a portion of residence hall and meal plan charges on a prorated basis for residence hall students who move out for an extended period of time.