

Here are the fall reopening plans for the 25 largest colleges in Mass.

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Colleges and universities have been scrambling in [recent months](#) to design plans for the fall semester as the country continues to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic. There is no question that the upcoming semester will look starkly different than most.

While no two Bay State institutions have laid out identical plans for the fall, there are commonalities. For those schools inviting students back to campus, most institutions will test students regularly for Covid-19, require face coverings and reconfigure classrooms so everyone can physically distance.

Nine of the state's largest schools, including Berklee College of Music, UMass Boston, Harvard and Simmons, plan to move mostly online learning in the fall to prioritize safety. Berklee and Simmons reversed course and recently said they would conduct the semester online after previously hoping to open their campuses. The rest, including most of the [state schools](#), Brandeis, Tufts and Bentley, on the other hand, are still determined to host at least some in-person classes.

Here is what the 25 largest colleges and universities in Massachusetts are doing, as of July 23.

Quinsigamond Community College (Worcester)

Fall 2019 enrollment: 4,266

Quinsigamond Community College will continue remote learning for the fall semester. QCC made the decision public in early June so students, faculty and staff could plan accordingly, and to avoid disruption. Courses such as labs or clinical experiences that require hands-on participation will be offered on campus, provided it is safe to do so.

“We did not make this decision lightly. The administration felt this was in the best interest of the QCC community with the continued uncertainty of Covid-19,” President Luis Pedraja said. “Due to the pandemic, we feel it’s most prudent to leverage our experience and expertise with online and remote instruction and unprecedented support. This will allow for little to no disruption of services in the Fall, should the virus spike as predicted later this year.”