

DETERMINATION AND PLAN FOR RETURN

The Dean of Students will make a determination as to whether a university-initiated temporary medical withdrawal or any alterations to a student's ability to fully participate in certain programs, services, or activities at DePaul is appropriate based on the criteria listed above. In making this determination, the Dean of Students will consider all information available, including any information provided by or on behalf of the student, including information provided by a student's qualified care providers, and information learned from consultation with others with particular subject-matter expertise as needed (for example, a counselor from University Counseling Services or a physician from DePaul Health Services). All determinations as to withdrawal or alterations to a student's ability to fully participate in certain programs, services, or activities will be as narrowly tailored as possible under the circumstances given the nature, duration and severity of any risk to the student and/or university community.

The student will generally be informed of this determination, including the basis for the determination, in writing within two (2) business days of the initial meeting, or within two (2) business days of the university receiving all information. However, the university reserves the right to extend this time limit, in its sole discretion, in order to ensure proper review of all relevant material. The university will provide the student with written notice of any extension.

At the time that the university provides the student with the determination, the university will also provide the student with a written individualized plan for return to full participation in programs, services, or activities at DePaul. The purpose of the plan for return is to clearly establish the path by which the student can return to safe and successful full participation in programs, services, or activities at DePaul following a university-initiated temporary medical withdrawal or other alterations to a student's ability to fully participate in certain programs, services, or activities at DePaul. Plans for return to full participation in activities will be as narrowly tailored as possible under the circumstances given the nature, duration and severity of any risk to the student and/or university community.

Specific elements of the plan for return could include, for example:

1. Successful demonstration that the behaviors that led to the university-initiated temporary medical withdrawal have been mitigated to the extent that the student is no longer demonstrating behavior consistent with the criteria listed above; or
2. Development of a treatment plan and/or verification from a qualified care provider that an individual is consistently and satisfactorily complying with a treatment plan.

If possible, the Dean of Students Office will meet with the student in person in order to provide the determination and discuss the plan for return.

If the Dean of Students Office determines that a university-initiated temporary medical withdraw or any alterations to a student's ability to fully participate in certain programs, services, or activities at DePaul will begin, the student will also be informed in writing about options for appeal (as detailed below).

Students are responsible for contacting appropriate offices at DePaul or elsewhere in order to ensure that their academic and financial affairs are in order (including any on-campus housing). All determinations as to the effect of a university-initiated temporary medical withdrawal or other alterations to the ability to fully participate in programs, services, or activities at DePaul will be made by the applicable offices in accordance with existing policies. If requested by the student, the Dean of Students Office can assist a student with facilitating conversations with appropriate offices as needed. This could include, for example, the possibility of a late withdrawal through the Late Withdrawal Process (<https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/support-services/academic/Pages/late-withdrawal-process.aspx>).