Dear Participant:

We are excited to be welcoming you to the University of St. Thomas in summer 2022!

As safety is our number 1 priority, the University of St. Thomas has a detailed [Preparedness Plan](https://www.stthomas.edu/_media-library/_documents/covid-preparedness/university-of-stthomas-preparedness-plan.pdf) to guide our community and guests during this COVID-19 pandemic.  While there are currently no government restrictions in place, the uptick in COVID cases in recent weeks could cause this to change and you should be prepared.

**All guests to campus**:

* Agree to stay home and not attend on-campus events if they are feeling ill.
* Are encouraged to wear a face covering when in the company of large groups.
* Are encouraged to be vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19 if eligible.
* Are encouraged to take a COVID-19 test before coming to the event.

**Residential conferences**:

* Participants who feel unwell during their stay should be separated from the group, get a COVID test, and be masked when outside of their dorm room.
* If someone tests positive for COVID they will be asked to leave campus as soon as possible and within 24 hours.  Obviously, returning home safely is preferred, but if that isn’t possible, alternative lodging should be acquired ([nearby hotel](https://www.stthomas.edu/visit-us/accommodations/index.html), a friend’s home,  etc.).  The University of St. Thomas is not able to provide quarantine or isolation lodging for any of your participants.

We look forward to your arrival on campus and want to provide a safe environment for all concerned.  If you have any questions or need clarification, please let us know.

**Arriving to campus:**

The address of the university is 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Uber and Lyft are active in the area and can be reserved through the mobile app. Several taxi services and car rentals can be reserved on site at the airport.

[Morrison hall parking ramp](https://campusmap.stthomas.edu/location/-M2KgeJqi9klZ792MtcI) offers free covered parking and can be accessed via North Finn Street, off Selby Avenue, between Cretin and Cleveland Avenues.

**Check-in and housing amenities:**

Check-in will be at the [Tommie North](https://campusmap.stthomas.edu/location/-MG4qaakaSFf0govk-7c) Front Desk starting at 2pm on the day of your arrival. Early arrivals before 2pm may be directed to nearby restaurants until their room is ready. You will sign for your own key. Upon check out, you will return your keys here. Residence Life will staff this desk from 8am-8pm for check out.

Upon check in, you will receive a conference folder with notebook, pen, name tag, meal plan card (if ordered), campus map, and a printed schedule of events.

Conference lodging is in [Morrison hall](https://campusmap.stthomas.edu/location/-M2Kgf3UKs3pLIycwi28), apartment style with 4 bedrooms sharing 2 bathrooms, a kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator, and sink, and living space. All apartments are air conditioned. Bed and bath linens are included. Soaps and cooking and dining utensils are not included. See https://www.stthomas.edu/residence-life/halls/morrison/index.html for more details and video tours of both the hall and an apartment.

**Meals**

If you have purchased a conference meal plan, you have 9 passes loaded to the card you receive at check-in. The Northsider dining hall is located in [Tommie North Residence Hall](https://campusmap.stthomas.edu/location/-MG4qaakaSFf0govk-7c). Flyers for other dining options near campus will be included in your folder.

**Conference orientation**

Please meet near the front doors of Morrison Hall at 5:30 on Friday, July 15 with your name tags and meal cards. You will enjoy dinner together with a walking tour of campus, followed by an opening reception.

**Weekend worship**

Campus ministry has compiled a listing of different [worship options](https://www.stthomas.edu/campusministry/allfaiths/off-campusworshipstpaul/) in the area. A Catholic service will be offered by Fr. Steve McMichael at 8:30am on July 17 in the Florance Chapel on campus, in the lower level of the [chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas](https://campusmap.stthomas.edu/location/-M2KgfQ98ujXbxZNZpm7).