

Georgetown Statement

Georgetown takes seriously the role that we and other institutions of higher learning can play in helping to end the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to a layered public health approach within our community that emphasizes the importance of vaccines and mask wearing while communicating and adjusting to new and emerging public health guidance in order to keep our community safe and to contribute to the safety of the communities in our region. As a community located within the city of Washington, D.C., we have a responsibility and an opportunity to serve our broader community through our pandemic response, and this spring, we were honored to partner with our city government on vaccine clinics for city residents most impacted by the virus. As a global University, we have the capacity to contribute to international dialogues on pandemic response and to build a stronger international commitment to global health security. As a research institution, our faculty contribute to the development of medical and scientific knowledge about COVID-19 and explore a diverse range of issues related to this crisis—from safe housing to compassionate release. And as a Catholic and Jesuit institution, we have a deep commitment to contributing to the common good, and to working with our partners around the world to protect the most vulnerable. In each of these areas, we look forward to extending our commitments and affirm the ambitions of the Global COVID-19 Summit: Ending the Pandemic and Building Back Better.

- John J. DeGioia, Georgetown University