

# TRANSPORTATION GUIDE

Please continue to keep safety in mind each time you travel.  
Fall 2021– SOME COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT

<https://www2.gmu.edu/Safe-Return-Campus>

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## RIDESHARE

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 SUGGESTIONS

1. Be prepared to sanitize your vehicle whether you own it or share it.
2. Disinfect anything you touch – door handles, steering wheel, controls, etc.

### Student Carpool Program

Create a carpool and save 20-40% on eligible parking permits.

Find out more at

<https://transportation.gmu.edu/carpoolvanpool/student/>

### Zipcar

Need a car? Mason has Zipcar vehicles on campus which can be rented by the hour or day. Sign up at [zipcar.com/zipgmu](http://zipcar.com/zipgmu). Gas and secondary insurance are included in the rental rate.

## PATRIOT LIFT

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 IMPACTS

1. MASKS or face covering required for duration of the ride. Mask or face covering should cover mouth and nose.
  - Mask/face covering requirement does not apply to persons with health/medical conditions that prohibit wearing a mask/face covering. Exception must be approved by the Office of Disability Services (students) or the Office of Compliance, Diversity & Ethics (faculty/staff).
2. Passengers are required to wear a seat belt and sit in the back of the golf cart per COVID-19 physical distancing requirements.
3. Multiple passengers must sit one per row on alternative sides of the golf cart.
4. Patriot Lift for visitors to Mason has been suspended until further notice.

Patriot Lift provides limited campus transportation services to Mason students, faculty, and staff who need assistance getting around campus. To learn more, please visit <https://transportation.gmu.edu/patriot-lift/>

## BIKE PROGRAMS

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 SUGGESTIONS

1. Be mindful of social distancing at bike racks when parking/retrieving your bike.
2. Wear gloves, wash hands, or use hand sanitizer after using bike pumps/fix-it stations.
3. Be prepared to sanitize your bike's high touch areas (e.g. handles, brakes)



Mason has over 1300 bike parking spots on campus, bike pumps, fix-it stations, and is a "Bicycle Friendly University". To find out more about bicycling to campus and to see a map of all facilities, please visit [bike.gmu.edu](http://bike.gmu.edu).

### Bicycle Registration

Register your bicycle at [bike.gmu.edu](http://bike.gmu.edu) and receive a free U-lock, registration sticker, and more.

## SCOOTERS – PILOT UNDERWAY

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 SUGGESTIONS:

1. Be mindful of social distancing when parking/retrieving a scooter.
2. Follow scooter vendor guidance on their use.

Mason is participating in a scooter pilot in conjunction with the City of Fairfax through 12/31/2021. Scooters must stay in the pilot area. Please see [transportation.gmu.edu/shared-mobility](http://transportation.gmu.edu/shared-mobility) for important information including scooter corral locations, a definition of the pilot area, and no-ride/no-park zones.

## PARKING – Some Tips to Help Get You Started

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 IMPACTS:

1. Daily, weekly, monthly and semester parking options are available. No annual permits. Please see <http://parking.gmu.edu> for details.

### Permits

- Parking permits are required to park in any lot on Mason property.
- Fairfax permits can be used at SciTech but not at Arlington. If you have classes at Arlington, you can obtain an Arlington permit which can also be used in Fairfax and at SciTech general areas.

### Where to Park

- Parking lots fill up fast. Allow extra time, especially the first few weeks of class to find a space.
- On the busiest of days, it is recommended that those arriving to campus later in the morning park in back of Lot K, Lot L or at the Field House, a 15-minute walk to the Johnson Center, as the lots on east campus will often fill. Also, don't forget that general lot permits are valid on Levels 1-2 of Rappahannock River Parking Deck (but not in the visitor area).
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### Citations and Enforcement

- Always read the signs to know if a lot or area is restricted to a certain type of permit. Do not park in reserved, service/repair, state vehicle, faculty/staff, and administrative spaces.
- Parking lots are enforced all year round, including the 1st week of classes and even when classes are not in session. Don't believe the myths and rumors about a grace period.
- Check the parking website [parking.gmu.edu](http://parking.gmu.edu) for the latest information regarding hours of enforcement and other important news affecting parking on campus, even when classes are not in session.

### Visitor Parking

- Visitor parking is available in Mason Pond, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock River Parking Decks for \$3/hour with a \$15 daily maximum. At the Field House in Lots M&P, a daily permit for \$5 can be purchased online or using ParkMobile. For locations where ParkMobile is available, please see [ParkMobile at Mason](http://parking.gmu.edu/parkmobile).

### Information/Communication

- Pay attention to your Mason email as students are often emailed about temporary lot closures. Also, check [building.gmu.edu](http://building.gmu.edu) for updates on events and construction.
- Information about permit sales, online citation appeals, and payment options is available online.

### Contact Us

- Always contact Parking Services if you have questions or concerns! We look forward to assisting you. We're located in the Parking Services building next to the Sandy Creek Transit Center. You can call us at 703-993-2710 or email us at [parking@gmu.edu](mailto:parking@gmu.edu).

## METRO RAIL

1. Stay up-to-date with METRO. Sign up for alerts at [www.wmata.com/riderguide/](http://www.wmata.com/riderguide/).
2. Masks required; allow extra time to get to your destination.

The closest Metro stop in Fairfax is the Vienna Metro station on the Orange Line. The Orange Line also goes to various locations in Washington, DC and connects to the Silver Line that serves Reston, Tysons Corner, and East Falls Church. To visit the Arlington campus, take the Orange Line to Virginia Square-GMU.

No matter your mode choice, please follow CDC guidelines on using transportation  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>



## SHUTTLES ROUTES FOR FALL 2021

Visit [shuttle.gmu.edu](http://shuttle.gmu.edu) for updated shuttle schedules and to learn more about transportation options which save you money and help lower CO2 emissions. A Mason ID is required to ride Mason Shuttles

Download the Reston Limousine Service (RLS) app or visit [mason.ridesystems.net](http://mason.ridesystems.net) to track your shuttle. Schedules are available at [shuttle.gmu.edu](http://shuttle.gmu.edu). Shuttle schedules below are subject to change.

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 IMPACTS:

1. Check shuttle times for all routes as there have been service changes.
2. Global to Metro and Gunston George are not operating in Fall 2021.
3. Face coverings required on board all Mason Shuttles regardless of vaccination status in keeping with public transit guidelines unless there is a University approved exception.
4. Shuttle capacities at 90% of seats.
5. Allow extra time to get to your destination.
6. No visitors on Mason Shuttles until further notice.

### Fixed Route: Arlington-Fairfax Campus Shuttle

The Arlington-Fairfax shuttle operates Monday-Friday between the Fairfax and Arlington campuses. Hourly departures from Sandy Creek Transit Center (Fairfax) and Van Metre Hall (Arlington). Express; no stops.

#### First/Last Departure from FFX – Sandy Creek (Fairfax) and Van Metre Hall (Arlington):

8am/10:15pm Monday-Friday

No weekend service

### Fixed Route: Burke Centre VRE Express – FREE GARAGE PARKING

The shuttle operates between Burke Centre VRE train station and the Finley Lot stop on the Fairfax Campus with stops at Sandy Creek, the RAC and Masonvale (on-campus) and at Target and three stops on Zion Dr (off-campus). The off-campus stops are made only on the inbound trip from Burke VRE. Free garage parking is available at the train station.

#### First/Last Departure from Burke VRE

7:10am/10:10am Monday-Friday

Break in service – See On-Demand Shuttle

3:45pm/6:45pm Monday-Friday

No weekend service – See On-Demand Shuttle

### Fixed Route: Fairfax-SciTech Campus Shuttle - FREE PARKING AT MANASSAS MALL

The SciTech Campus shuttle operates Monday-Friday between the Fairfax and SciTech campuses. Service is every 40 minutes (Four shuttles on the route). Limited weekend service every two hours. Shuttle also stops at Manassas Mall between campuses.

#### First/Last Departure from FFX -Sandy Creek and SciTech – Colgan Hall

6am/10:15pm from Sandy Creek (Fairfax) Mon-Fri

6am/10:15pm with one last departure at 11:35pm from Colgan Hall (SciTech) Mon-Fri

Weekend service: First departure at 8am from Sandy Creek

### Fixed Route: Gunston's Go-Bus: Mason Route Only

The Gunston Go-Bus Mason route provides service from the Fairfax Campus to area shopping centers and Ridge Top Road, Monday-Friday. Reduced weekend service. Stops at Sandy Creek, RAC, Rappahannock River Lane, and Masonvale (on-campus) and Fair Lakes Center, Whole Foods (Market Commons Dr), Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, and Ridge Top Road off-campus.

## SHUTTLE ROUTES FALL 2021, CONTINUED

No stop at University Mall.

#### First/Last Departure from Fair Lakes Center

6am/10:40pm Monday – Friday

#### First/Last Departure from Sandy Creek

6:50am/10:15pm Monday-Friday

Weekend service: First departure Fair Lakes at 12:15pm

### Fixed Route: Sandy Creek to Metro Shuttle

The shuttle operates between Sandy Creek Transit Center and Vienna Metro with stops at Masonvale and Rappahannock River Lane (on-campus) and the Commerce Building, Fairfax Circle (at Lee Highway & Circle Woods Drive), and the Vienna Metro (off-campus). No more weekend stop at the Mason Townhouses.

#### First/Last Departure – Sandy Creek

6am/10:30 pm Monday-Friday (service every 30 minutes)

No weekend service – See On-Demand Shuttle

#### First/Last Departure – Vienna Metro

6am/11pm Daily Monday-Friday (service every 30 minutes)

No weekend service – See On-Demand Shuttle

### West Campus Shuttle

The shuttle route operates between West Campus, Rapidan River Rd, Field House, the RAC, Mason Pond Dr/Patriot Circle, Presidents Park, Masonvale (Patriot Circle & Staffordshire), Rappahannock River Lane, and returns by the RAC, Field House, Rapidan River Lane, to West Campus. Departures every 15 during the academic year. Does not operate in summer.

#### First/Last Departure – West Campus

7:00am/7:30pm Monday-Friday

#### First/Last Departure – Presidents Park

7:15am/7:45pm Monday-Friday

After 8pm Mon-Fri, must use On-Demand Shuttle

No weekend service – See On-Demand Shuttle

### On-Demand Shuttle

The On-Demand shuttle is a shared ride service between established stops on and around the Fairfax Campus. It does not service the SciTech or Arlington Campuses. Stops may vary based on the day or time. Download the TransLoc app to access the shuttle and view stops or visit [shuttle.gmu.edu](http://shuttle.gmu.edu) for details. You cannot pre-book a ride and the wait time for the shuttle is based upon how many requests are pending. There are multiple buses on the route.

#### Service Hours;

7am-11:30pm: Monday – Friday

8am-11:30pm: Saturday-Sunday

Notes: Rides must be requested by 10:30pm for pick-ups between 10:30pm and 11:30pm. West Campus and Vienna Metro are On-Demand pick up locations 7:30pm-11:30pm Mon-Fri only and weekends during its regular service hours.

## CUE BUS

### PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 IMPACTS:

1. CUE BUS on the same schedule as in the past.
2. Masks required; social distancing in effect; please allow extra time to get to your destination.

All City of Fairfax CUE Buses are FREE with Mason ID. The CUE Bus picks up on the Fairfax campus at Rappahannock River Lane and can take you to various places in Fairfax City with all routes winding up at the Vienna Metro Station. [cuebus.org](http://cuebus.org).

| Route – Color Coded        | Stops on Campus   | Stops off Campus  |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Arlington/Fairfax          | Sandy Creek (Fairfax) and Van Metre Hall (Arlington)  | None  |
| Burke VRE                  | Sandy Creek, RAC, Finley Lot, Masonvale   | Outbound: Burke VRE (no other off-campus stops)<br>Inbound from Burke VRE: Roberts Rd and New Guinea (Target), Zion Dr & Hillard Rd, Zion Drive & Jib Lane, Zion Drive & Roberts Rd |
| Fairfax/SciTech            | FAIRFAX: Sandy Creek, RAC, Finley Lot, and Masonvale, SCITECH: Colgan Hall, Hylton Performing Arts Center   | Manassas Mall and limited stops at the Engineering Lab on Innovation Dr   |
| Gunston Go-Bus Mason Route | RAC, Rappahannock River Lane, Masonvale, Sandy Creek  | Fair Lakes Center, Whole Foods, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, Ridge Top Road  |
| Sandy Creek to Metro       | Sandy Creek, Masonvale, Rappahannock River Lane   | Commerce Building, Lee Highway & Circle Woods Dr, Vienna Metro (No longer stopping at Mason Townhouses on the weekend)  |
| West Campus                | West Campus, Rapidan River Road, Field House (Campus Drive side), RAC, Mason Pond & Patriot Circle, Presidents Park, Masonvale (Patriot Circle & Staffordshire Lane) Rappahannock River Lane (Shelter #3) | None  |
| On-Demand Shuttle          | See Transloc app for stops or visit <a href="https://transportation.gmu.edu/shuttles/on-demand-shuttle/">https://transportation.gmu.edu/shuttles/on-demand-shuttle/</a> for a list and timing of stops.   |   |

Please note: Gunston George and Global to Metro are not operating in Fall 2021.

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