In response to the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, Spring and Summer Orientation will be delivered in a virtual format.

What does it mean for orientation to be delivered in a virtual format?

- Academic advising and course registration will be completed in online sessions.
- Orientation presentations, videos from various administrators, and other important content will be uploaded to students’ UM Blackboard accounts for viewing throughout the summer.
- Small group discussions will be facilitated by student Orientation Leaders throughout the summer. These sessions will give students a chance to meet other incoming students, learn about campus life and resources, and ask questions they might have. Students will receive invites via their Ole Miss email accounts (www.olemiss.edu/email).
- In-person programming will be offered for students as they arrive on campus for move-in week and throughout the first week of classes.

How will I know when my advising appointment is? Students will have a virtual advising appointment with their academic department or an advisor from the Center for Student Success and First Year Experience based on the date they are registered for orientation. For example: A student registered for June 1-2 orientation will have an appointment on either June 1 or June 2. Information will be sent to UM email accounts in the days leading up to that date.

Will I receive a refund for orientation fees already paid? All guest and overnight fees are being refunded. Freshman orientation fee will be adjusted to $80 per student and transfer orientation fee will remain $60 per student.

Why do I still have to pay a fee if we are doing orientation online? Students will receive a t-shirt, drawstring bag, Common Read, and other items normally distributed at summer orientation in August. In-person programming opportunities will be offered during move-in and Welcome Week. In addition, the reduced orientation fees will allow the orientation staff to continue to operate and provide services to new students throughout the summer and into the Fall.

Can I change my orientation date if I have already registered? Yes, you can adjust your orientation session in your myOleMiss portal. Follow the same steps as you did when you originally registered, and choose the “modify session details” option. Each session will still have a capacity to ensure there are enough advisors to accommodate the number of students for that session.

How do I access Blackboard? Students can use the same myOleMiss WebID and password to login to Blackboard by visiting www.blackboard.olemiss.edu.

When will content be available for viewing? Orientation staff is working around the clock to have content uploaded by mid-April and will continue to update throughout the summer as more content becomes available.