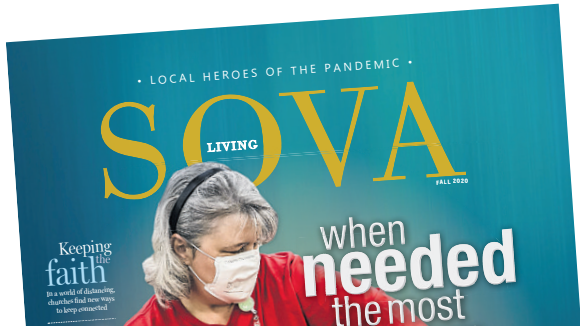


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## New experiences in college learning

As campus life changes during coronavirus pandemic,  
benefits of online classes surface for Averett students



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**Cameryn Carelock, an Averett University senior majoring in bio-medicine, completes her chemistry homework Thursday. Carelock said she loves the hybrid mix of in-person and online classes.**

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**C**ameryn Carelock, a senior at Averett University, is worried about the virus in the community. She knows Danville has had high case counts for COVID-19. Even a short trip to Walmart reveals people not wearing a mask or social distancing, she pointed out. “It’s troubling,” said the Eden, North Carolina, resident. “We really have to enforce the rules set in place on campus.” Those rules amount to a range of changes for college life among students and instructors. In some ways, it’s a learning experience for everyone where a myriad benefits of online learning are surfacing.

### Two-part series

» **Editor’s note:** This is the first part of a two-part series on college life in the Dan River Region.

### COVID-19 on campus

Averett University tracks cases of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, with an online dashboard. As of noon Friday, Averett had a total of 14 positive cases reported from students and workers since the first day of classes Aug. 19. Of those, nine are currently positive infections and five already have recovered. The dashboard provides information on individuals who have been studying or working on campus, according to the website. There are 480 students living on

campus this fall, compared to 497 in fall 2019 and 432 last spring. In total, Averett has 888 traditional students and 442 online students this semester. Among new procedures for students and employees, Averett implemented health self-check — using an app called LiveSafe or an online link — each day before coming on campus or leaving their rooms, Averett spokesperson Cassie Jones said. The quick evaluation consists of four questions surrounding symptoms and exposure. Any student who feels ill and does not clear the screening should call the university’s health triage line available during business hours for non-emergency cases, Jones explained. There the student will

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## Double trouble brewing with flu

Health providers gear up for  
potential challenges as new  
season for influenza looms

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While there are some glimmers of hope that flu transmissions may be lower this year — mostly because of preventative measures already in place concerning the coronavirus pandemic — the potential double whammy of simultaneous infections circulating in the community is an all-too-real risk for health providers.

Another harsh reality: Since both viruses share the same symptoms, without a test it will be nearly impossible to differentiate the two. And, yes, experts believe it’s possible to contract both viruses, even at the same time.

Influenza — commonly just known as the flu — is a virus spread from person to person, said Kristen Grabowski, a certified family nurse practitioner at Sovah Family Medicine-Brosville. New strains come to the United States from other countries, and the virus originates among birds and other animals such as pigs, she said.

While seasonal flu viruses circulate year round throughout the world, cases tend to trend upward from fall through spring, according to Pittsylvania-Danville Health District director Scott Spillman. The infections generally spike in December or January when people spend more times indoors due to the colder weather, similar to the worries over a possible resurgence of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus.

That increased time inside leads to

### Where to get a flu shot

» Vaccines are available at primary providers, walk-in clinics and may pharmacies. In addition, the health department offers vaccines. Learn more at [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org).

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