

Fall 2021 - COVID Operations At-A-Glance



COVID TESTING

All STUDENTS must participate in Gateway Testing. Any student with an approved vaccine exemption must also participate in regular surveillance testing. Any WORKER who does not have a vaccine card on file must participate in regular surveillance testing. Anyone getting either type of test must enroll with NAVICA, as the testing will be directly managed via this app.



QUARANTINE & ISOLATION

QUARANTINE - Vaccinated students will not be required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID. But if a vaccinated student is identified as a close contact, they will be tested and will be asked to wear a mask indoors for 14 days, with a return to current mask policy if a COVID-19 test is performed 3 to 5 days after and is negative.

Unvaccinated students will be required to quarantine for up to 14 days in the event of an exposure, dependent upon results of repeat testing.

ISOLATION - Any student who tests positive for COVID will be required to isolate for generally 10 days. This is either from the onset of symptoms or the date of the positive test (if asymptomatic). A student who is ill and waiting on a COVID test result may be required to isolate pending results, depending on the situation.



FACE MASKS

As of 8/16/21, face masks must be worn indoors - regardless of vaccination status - in all public areas on campus. Public spaces are those areas where you are likely to come into contact with individuals you do not live with or share an office with. Masks are not required outdoors for those who are vaccinated. They are advised outdoors for unvaccinated individuals, particularly in any areas where social distancing is not possible.

ACADEMICS

We are returning fully to in-person instruction. There should not be any expectation that classes will be offered virtually.

ATHLETICS

Washington College is planning for a normal fall practice and competition schedule. Fans will be permitted. We are following the NCAA's re-socialization guidance, as well as any Centennial Conference requirements.

VISITORS

Visitors are permitted on campus. This includes allowing visits from family members and friends, spectators at sporting events, etc. Visitors will be required to follow the campus-wide mask policy. Until further notice, no overnight visits are permitted by anyone (including off-campus students) who doesn't live on campus.

EVENTS, PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

Events can proceed in-person for the fall. Events attendees should abide by the campus-wide mask policy.

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WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS OF COVID?

In light of the new data showing that the Delta variant can also infect those who have been vaccinated, everyone should carefully self-monitor for any symptoms of COVID, even if they are mild. If you do experience any of the known symptoms (see below), you should contact Health Services Mon-Fri during normal business hours at 410-778-7261. Or if your symptoms begin after-hours or over the weekend, call 410-480-1196 and report your symptoms to the Quarantine & Isolation Coordinator on duty.

NEXT STEPS:

Health Services or the Q&I Coordinator will advise on next steps, which may include getting tested right away at Kirby Stadium or in Health Services, self-quarantine measures, or a move to Quarantine housing. These decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, as there are several variables that will be considered (such as vaccination status, availability of testing at the time the symptoms are reported, living situation, etc.), but all students should be prepared to transition to quarantine housing if ordered to do so by our health officers.

QUARANTINE/ISOLATION SUPPORT:

If a move to either quarantine (Reid Hall) or isolation housing (Corsica Hall) is required, Quarantine & Isolation Coordinators will provide care and monitoring for our students. This includes meal delivery, daily check-ins, picking up personal items, and more.

COVID - KNOW THE SYMPTOMS!

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms that feel like seasonal allergies, to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Seek medical care immediately if you are experiencing any Emergency Warning Signs, which include trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake and bluish lips or face.