



The Return of the Flock

EMAIL TO THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY

CPG Update - 11/19/21

To the Washington College Community,

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday next week – we hope you enjoy some time with family and friends!

A few updates for you as we head into the holiday week.

Addendum to Indoor Mask Policy –

Recognizing that there are some specific situations where temporarily removing one’s mask while indoors will enhance the experience for all, we have adopted the following addendum to this policy, effective immediately:

***Addendum to Mask Policy for Presenters/Performers/Speakers:** Individual faculty and staff will have some discretion over the spaces where they teach, instruct, and supervise students in curricular or co-curricular activities. When masks are required indoors, faculty and staff may permit masks to be temporarily removed for specific activities as long as the speaker is vaccinated. Unvaccinated speakers must wear a mask at all times indoors when there is an indoor mask mandate. Such activities might include presentations or lectures or for other activities that are for a limited amount of time (generally 5 minutes or less) and in spaces that allow physical distancing (6 feet at a minimum) for the unmasked presenter/performer/speaker.*

Reminders for the Holiday Season & Travel --

The holiday season is almost here, and while we are all looking forward to enjoying time together with friends and family in what is starting to feel like a more normal time, **please remember that we are not out of the woods yet as it relates to COVID.** We urge you to be diligent in following standard safety practices during any holiday travel, and remain cautious about your activities during the break. We will all be coming back together as community for the last few weeks of the semester after the Thanksgiving break and we want to do so as safely as we have the last couple of months. So be sure that during travel you mask up, maintain social distancing when possible, and wash/sanitize your hands frequently. If possible, visit with friends and family outdoors, and/or limit the size of your gatherings. Please continue to monitor for symptoms and if you feel at all unwell, please follow standard protocols around quarantine and testing, and seek care right away.

Post-Holiday COVID Testing –

After careful review, we will not be requiring community-wide testing upon return to campus. We will, however, be scheduling those students who are currently required to participate in surveillance testing for appointments on Monday (11/29) or Tuesday (11/30). If the scheduled appointment time does not work, please email tmccreary2@washcoll.edu to request a new appointment time. Athletes and performers should keep their regular testing appointments.



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We do strongly encourage all students, faculty, and staff that travel for the holiday get tested when they return. If this applies to you, please email Tina (tmccreary2@washcoll.edu) or call Health Services to schedule that testing. Additionally, anyone who is concerned about exposure during the break can also contact Tina to make a testing appointment. The CDC recommends testing 3-5 days post-exposure.

Health Services will be extending the testing site hours that week in order to accommodate this potential increase. Revised hours are:

Monday 11/29	9-2
Tuesday 11/30	9-4
Wednesday 12/1	9-2
Thursday 12/2	9-4
Friday 12/3	9-3

Stay safe and Happy Thanksgiving!