



The Return of the Flock

EMAIL TO THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY

To the Washington College Community,

We are writing to inform you that we have 18 new positive COVID cases amongst the student population. Of these cases, 7 are isolating in Corsica, 5 are isolating off campus, and 6 are isolating at home.

With the addition of the 7 new cases isolating on campus, we currently have 10 total students residing in our designated isolation housing on campus.

This is the largest number of positive cases we have had on campus since the pandemic began, but we are managing the situation through our testing and isolation protocols. Below there is some more information specific to whether you have tested positive, have been notified that you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, or neither. As a reminder, you can [visit our Dashboard](#) to track the daily updates.

Students who have tested positive for COVID:

There are two very important actions that you should take at this time:

- Notify your professors that you will be absent from class for the remainder of the week at least.
- Notify anyone who is considered a close contact (someone you spent more than 15 minutes with over a 24-hour period, closer than 6')

As a reminder, if you are isolating in Corsica Hall, your primary contacts are the **Quarantine & Isolation Coordinators and they can be reached at 443-480-1196.**

Any individual who has been notified that they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive:

- If you are fully vaccinated (which means vaccinated and boosted) and have no symptoms, quarantine is not required. Please wear your mask at all times and schedule a COVID test for about 5 days from the date of your exposure. You can schedule that test here: <https://washcoll.studenthealthportal.com> or you can call Health Services to schedule (410-778-7261).
- If you are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated and have no symptoms, you must self-quarantine for the next 5-7 days, wear your mask at all times, and schedule a COVID test no sooner than 5 days from the date of your exposure. You can schedule that test here: <https://washcoll.studenthealthportal.com> or you can call Health Services to schedule (410-778-7261). If you are required to quarantine due to exposure, please communicate with your professors.
 - Those who are under self-quarantine and remain symptom-free may go to Hodson to pick up Grab & Go meals twice a day, but cannot eat in the dining hall.
 - If your living situation makes it impossible for you to self-quarantine, you can request to be moved to quarantine housing on campus. Contact Health Services at 410-778-7261.
- If you are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms (even mild ones), wear your mask, isolate yourself and schedule a COVID test ASAP. You can schedule that test here:



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<https://washcoll.studenthealthportal.com> or you can call Health Services to schedule (410-778-7261). This next step if you are symptomatic is regardless of your vaccination status.

- If you tested positive for COVID within the previous 90 days and subsequently recovered and remain symptom-free, you do not need to quarantine or get tested after close contact.

All other members of the campus community:

Please check your compliance with our COVID policies, to include indoor masking, and limiting any gatherings to a number of people that is reasonable for the space, i.e. allows for social distancing. Wash your hands frequently. Masks are required indoors for all social interactions. If you begin to experience any COVID symptoms at all, even mild ones such as a scratchy throat, please self-isolate and schedule a test ASAP.

Starting our second week with this kind of a spike in cases underscores the need for vigilance around our COVID safety measures. Again, we are managing this current situation and will keep the community updated throughout the week as things progress.