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EMAIL TO THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY

CPG Update – September 10, 2021

To the Washington College Community,

Please see below for some updates and reminders about our COVID operations this semester.

COVID Dashboard

Our COVID Dashboard is once again operational, and can be [found here](#). The testing data included on the first chart pertains to the Gateway Testing. As we are now up and running with surveillance testing, we will begin to add in that data next week. Charts will be updated weekly. The number of new cases from the previous day will be published in the text section at the top, and will be updated daily.

Campus Alert Levels

When we released our Fall 2021 guidance at the end of June, we did not feel there was a need to continue to operate based on an Alert Level. Then the Delta variant came along, prompting our team to revisit this decision. In order to be as prepared as possible for the potential to scale COVID operations up or down, we have updated our Alert Levels, and will once again be tracking key metrics to determine where we are on any given day. This data includes the number of positive cases, COVID outbreaks, and community transmission rates, among others. You can review those [Alert Levels here](#).

One change you will notice is the inclusion of a new level - BLUE! We are currently in GREEN, which means we are stable, but with certain COVID mitigation strategies in place (indoor mask policy, surveillance testing, etc.) to limit spread on our campus. BLUE would represent a scaling down of our requirements, allowing those who are fully vaccinated to operate with no COVID guidelines in place.

Surveillance Testing

As a reminder, surveillance testing is now underway. Currently this is being administered weekly, though the frequency may change. Any student who received a vaccine exemption is required to participate in surveillance testing. Any staff, faculty or other worker without a vaccine card on file is also required to participate - testing for WC workers has been scheduled. If you are in this pool, you will receive an email the night before with a reminder of your testing appointment. Testing is being run out of Kirby Stadium.



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Indoor Mask Policy

Face masks are required to be worn by everyone on campus in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status. This policy will remain in effect until further notice.

Please follow CDC guidance in selecting an appropriate face covering. Your mask should have two or more layers of breathable fabric, and should completely cover your nose and mouth. It should also fit snugly against the sides of your face without any gaps. If wearing a gaiter, it should have two layers or should be folded to make two layers. For complete guidance on how to select, wear and clean your mask, [click here](#).

Quarantine & Isolation Procedures

There are protocols and processes in place for those who have had an exposure because they are identified as a close contact, and those who test positive. Please refer to the [Fall 2021 guidelines](#) for more details. You can also visit the [COVID section of the site](#) and review the individual guidance in the right hand menu. For an exposure, next steps will vary depending upon the person's vaccination status. For anyone - regardless of vaccination status - isolation is required following a positive COVID test. Students, please contact Health Services if you begin to experience any COVID-like symptoms.

Statement on COVID Policies

Please note the following as it relates to the Washington College COVID policies:

Washington College's Covid-19 policies and procedures universally apply to all members of our campus community (students, faculty, staff, and other workers). Individual departments, faculty, staff or students may not make their own Covid-19 rules or policies, unless approved by the President or their designee.