

COVID-19 Protocols- Student Quarantine

- Once the Wellness Coordinator and/or designee becomes aware of a student who may have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual, they will notify the College's COVID-19 Designee, Dr. Vicki Stanavitch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Residence Life.
- Typically, quarantine will last for 14 days. During this time, commuter students must quarantine in their residence. Resident students will be relocated to a space in quarantine housing for the duration of their quarantine.
- Quarantine can end after Day 14 without testing if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring, and no additional exposures have occurred.
- These students must attend class virtually and refrain from entering public areas outside of their residence while the quarantine is in place. **Students will not be permitted to remain in student housing if they refuse to quarantine under these circumstances.**
- Meals will be provided for resident students who are in quarantine to pick up. Resident students also have the option to have their meals delivered to them.
- Residence Life staff, contact tracers, and the Wellness Coordinator and/or designee will maintain communication at least one time a day (preferably by phone or video conference) with these students to assist as needed.
- After a resident student is approved to be around others again (in consultation with the Wellness Coordinator and/or designee together with a medical provider), the Wellness Coordinator and/or designee will work with facilities to have the quarantine space cleaned.

Exceptions to this policy:

Students who are able to complete their quarantine period *completely isolated from anyone else, including roommates and members of their family unit*, may be able to end their quarantine early if the following criteria are met:

- When testing resources are sufficient, quarantine can end after day 7 if a diagnostic specimen (e.g., RT-PCR, antigen) tests negative and is collected on day 5 or thereafter and the person remains asymptomatic. Students should provide a record of a negative test to the Wellness Coordinator and/or designee.
- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.

Additionally, if the person suspected to have COVID-19 presents a negative test result, the student who is in quarantine due to exposure to that individual may be permitted to leave quarantine early. Decisions to remove a student from quarantine are made by the College's COVID-19 Designee, Dr. Vicki Stanavitch.

Implications for students who have received a vaccination:

- Under the updated guidance (and in line with CDC guidance), people who have had both doses of a two-dose vaccine, or one dose of a single dose vaccine, do not need to quarantine after an exposure to another person with COVID-19 if they meet all the following criteria:
 - They are fully vaccinated (i.e., more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or of one dose of a single-dose vaccine);
 - They are within three months following receipt of the last dose in the series; and
 - They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.

- It is expected the State will relax the three-month requirement once more data is available on the effectiveness of the various vaccines.

Implications for students who have tested positive for COVID-19 previously:

- If a student has tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered within the past 90 days, the student may not need to quarantine with a more recent exposure if the following conditions have been met:
 - The student had a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.
 - The student has completely recovered from the previous symptoms of COVID-19.
 - The student does not display any new symptoms of COVID-19 after a close contact exposure to a COVID-19 positive case.
- Students who have tested positive within the past 90 days do not need to be tested for COVID-19 during surveillance testing or after a new COVID-19 exposure.