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## Contact Tracing

Worcester State's Contact Tracing Response Team assists with:

- Identifying close contacts
- Following up with close contacts
- Monitoring trends in higher-risk groups

## Symptomatic Testing

Whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated, please follow these steps if you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

### STUDENTS

Contact your primary care provider or Worcester State Student Health Services

#### **Residential Students**

Contact Student Health Services for further instructions and testing options

#### **Commuter Students**

Do not come to campus until you receive a negative test or have been cleared by a health care professional

### EMPLOYEES

- Do not come to campus
- Immediately leave campus if symptoms develop while on campus
- Stay home until you receive a negative test or are cleared by a health care professional

Routine testing will be offered on campus in Wasylean Hall during the spring semester. Both PCR and rapid antigen testing are available.

**Worcester State Student Health Services: 508-929-8875**

## Mask Requirements

As with all things COVID-related, mask requirements are subject to change should public health guidance change due to new variants of the virus or other factors. Effective March 23, 2022, Worcester State mask requirements are as follows:

### MASKS REQUIRED

- Inside classrooms, labs, and the library
- When visiting Student Health Services
- While riding shuttles or buses
- For individuals with approved medical or religious vaccine waivers
- For everyone attending large indoor University events as defined as more than 500 people

### MASKS RECOMMENDED

- Masks are recommended in other campus indoor spaces, but are no longer required

### MASKS NOT REQUIRED

- Outdoor campus spaces

*Students engaged in on-site fieldwork, practicum, internships, clinical placements, research projects, and student teaching will need to comply with external COVID-19 requirements by the hosting organization.*

## Isolation and Quarantine

Know when to stay home—and when it is safe to return to campus.



### STAY HOME from campus:

If you test positive for COVID-19, even if you have been vaccinated:

**ISOLATE** for 5 days from date of positive test

If you come into contact with a person with COVID-19 and you are unvaccinated or are not up to date with vaccines\*:

**QUARANTINE** for 5 days from date of contact



### RETURN to campus:

You may return to campus on day 6 after a positive test and **ISOLATION** if:

- You experience no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine
- You are asymptomatic OR symptoms are resolving
- You have been officially cleared by Student Health Services (residential students only)

You may return to campus on day 6 after close contact and **QUARANTINE** if:

- You test negative for COVID-19 on day 5 after contact (Rapid Antigen or PCR test)
- You are symptom free
- You wear a mask at all times around others for 5 additional days

All close contacts, regardless of vaccination status and quarantine, must:

- Take Rapid Antigen or PCR test on day 5 after contact
- Isolate if symptoms develop or test is positive for COVID-19
- Wear a mask at all times around others

*\*Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.*

## Resources

**COVID Test Location:** [mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test](https://mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test)

**Vaccination Finder:** [vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov)

**CDC Link:** [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html)

**MA DPH:** [mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public](https://mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public)

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