

# Academic Year 2022-2023 Campus COVID Protocols

*This document was created in August 2022. It is an updated and streamlined version of the Comprehensive Plan: Safe Return to Campus & Workplace and replaces that document. This document will be reviewed on a regular basis and updated as conditions, recommendations, and/or mandates from federal, state, and local officials change and will include ongoing analysis and consultation with our peers.*

## COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Our vaccination policy has been updated; it requires all students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with an authorized vaccine, and expected everyone to stay “up to date” (i.e. receive boosters as advised) with their COVID-19 vaccines, unless the individual has an approved authorized exemption.

## Masking Optional/Encouraged

Effective immediately, masks are optional and encouraged. If campus and community indicators change significantly, and/or local public health guidelines change, we will re-evaluate this policy as necessary. Individuals should be supported in making their own personal health decisions regarding masking.

When wearing a mask, it is recommended that individuals wear a surgical mask with an ASTM level 2 rating or higher, or a KN95/N95 respirator. Masks should fit snugly against one's face and cover the nose and mouth at all times. Surgical masks with an ASTM level 3 are provided at each main entrance on campus. For more information regarding [proper mask covering and usage](#) please go to the King County Masking Guidelines. For mask use and care information, please refer to [CDC guidance](#).

## Self-Reporting Confirmed Positive COVID Cases

**You no longer need to report symptoms or a potential/confirmed exposure without a positive test result.** *If you are sick with [COVID-19-related symptoms](#) or believe that you have been exposed to the virus, seek COVID-19 testing and/or mask according to current [CDC guidelines](#).* All community members are expected to monitor their personal health for possible symptoms each day before coming to campus. Students who are unsure about their symptoms are asked to open a medical session in NellieCare or contact their private health care provider. If you receive a positive test result, you must report this to the college using the links noted below.

Employees and students are required to self-report a [confirmed case of COVID-19](#). All information provided will be handled with the appropriate degree of confidentiality.

Employees need to report such cases to the [Office of Human Resources](#). Students need to [report such cases here](#).

## Isolation & Quarantine Guidelines

- Regardless of vaccination status, if you test positive for COVID-19, you will need to isolate according to current [CDC guidelines](#).
- Regardless of vaccination status, if you were in close contact with someone who tested positive, you will need to follow current [CDC guidelines](#) for masking, quarantine and/or testing.
- Students living in the Cornish Commons requiring an isolation/quarantine room will be relocated (as necessary) and receive meal and package delivery support during their isolation/quarantine period.
- Note: Isolation space will also be made available in the Cornish Commons for any residential student that tests positive for Monkeypox.

## Contract Tracing

When notified of a person with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, the College will obtain details about the person's symptoms, attendance in classes, and close contacts. Students testing positive will receive support resources relating to meal and package delivery (residential students), academic planning, and more.

Close contact notifications will only be sent in the following scenarios:

- to faculty/staff who have had a positive case in class/studio/shop
- to on-campus coworkers of a faculty/staff/student worker
- on-campus roommates
- off campus roommates/housemates who are enrolled students

We are not performing contact tracing and sending notifications of close contact for the following scenarios. These types of close contacts need to be notified by the individual who tested positive:

- personal/social close contacts (such as people that a positive case has socialized with, seen outside of class, eaten meals with, etc.), regardless of enrollment status
- Off-campus family members, roommates, housemates who are not enrolled students

When notifying close contacts, individuals should use following the guidelines:

- Notify anyone you had close contact with in the two days prior to your symptom onset/positive test and those you had close contact with while you were waiting for your test results.
- If you would like to notify contacts anonymously, you may use this resource: <https://tellyourcontacts.org/>