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COLLEGE COVID-19 PLAN**

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MMC COVID-19 Plan

May 11, 2023, marked the end of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. As a result, Marymount Manhattan College is modifying its COVID-19 protocols to reflect the most current guidance from public health officials, and best practices in higher education.

CAMPUS OPERATIONS

In establishing its plan to maintain in-person operations of MMC's facilities—both the buildings on the Main Campus and the Residence Halls—MMC has carefully considered the guidance and information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, NYS and NYC Departments of Health, as well as local healthcare professionals. The Emergency Management Team will continuously monitor conditions and adjust protocols as necessary to limit the impact of COVID-19 on the MMC community.

To support a safe, healthy, and sustainable campus community and continuity of operations, MMC has adopted the following policies, procedures, and practices:

Operational Activity & Facilities

MMC will continue to deliver in-person programming while monitoring changes to guidance issued from the CDC and state/local health departments.

Residential Living

MMC will no longer provide isolation suites for COVID-positive students. Students will be required to isolate-in-place within their assigned suite/room, for the duration of their isolation period. Students may also elect to leave the residence hall to isolate at home or at another safe location, if they test positive for COVID-19.

Personal Protective Equipment/Face-coverings

- Mask use on campus is optional—unless you've tested positive, in which case masks are required between return from isolation and day 10.
- Mask policy will be continuously evaluated and revised as necessary with consideration given to local infection and transmissibility rates, and guidance from public health officials.

Vulnerable Populations

- MMC has implemented and socialized a procedure for faculty, students, and staff who require specific accommodations to make requests and receive support.
- Students are asked to contact the Office of Disability Services for assistance.
- Employees with medical conditions that increase their vulnerability and susceptibility relative

to COVID-19 are responsible for notifying their supervisor and Human Resources if they require an accommodation.

MONITORING

Testing

- Students, faculty, and staff who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 are required to be tested at their own expense (insurance or private payment). All positive COVID-19 test results must be reported to safety@mmm.edu.

Early Warning Signs

- As part of its COVID-19 Response Protocol, MMC has identified triggers and considerations that may require the College to activate an emergency response.
- Additionally, MMC has identified factors that may be considered as demonstrating the potential for an emergency. Those factors include but are not limited to:
 - Increased rate of isolation on campus/within the campus community;
 - Increased transmissibility/infection rates and/or notable increase in number of cases/hospitalizations within NYC.
- To help further the College's goal of identifying early warning signs within the campus community, MMC requires students, faculty, and staff members to report COVID-19 illness, regardless of vaccination status.
- MMC has also provided training to Residence Life staff regarding warning signs, COVID-19 emergencies, and information-sharing to ensure that MMC's COVID management team is made aware of incidents that could give rise to a COVID-related emergency as soon as possible.

Screening

- All members of the MMC community are required to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and refrain from entering any MMC facility if feeling unwell. An individual who tests positive for COVID-19, becomes ill with related symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, is required to report to safety@mmm.edu.

CONTAINMENT

Confirmed Cases

- Anyone within the MMC population who tests positive is required to notify the College by emailing safety@mmm.edu.
- Confirmed cases will be required to isolate for a prescribed period in accordance with MMC's Isolation Protocol.
- Within the COVID-19 Response Protocol, MMC has devised a decision matrix to assess potential impacts of confirmed case(s) to help inform the College's response actions.

Contact Tracing

- MMC will no longer actively contact trace following confirmation of a COVID-19 case. The Emergency Management Team will continue to monitor trends in infection rates within the MMC community. Notifications regarding spikes in infection rate on-campus will be made if conditions warrant.

Isolation

- In accordance with the CDC's guidance, MMC's Isolation Protocol requires that if you test positive for COVID-19, you stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. If you reside in the residence halls, you may isolate-in-place, isolate at home, or isolate in another safe place.
- Students residing in the residence halls who may have diagnosed medical concerns that may be adversely affected by exposure to COVID-19 may contact Residence Life or Campus Safety for assistance in moving to a safe isolation space, on a case-by-case basis.

Quarantine

- In accordance with guidance from the CDC, any individual who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 **is no longer required to quarantine**. All members of the MMC community are required to self-monitor for symptoms following a close contact, and are encouraged to test on the 5th day following the close contact. The CDC defines close contact as:
 - Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes;
 - Providing care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19;
 - Having direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them);
 - Sharing eating or drinking utensils;
 - Getting respiratory droplets on you from sneeze, cough, or other expulsion from sick person.

MMC students, faculty, and staff members are required to notify safety@mmm.edu if they test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

CONFIRMED CASES ON CAMPUS

All members of the MMC campus community are required to report positive test results to safety@mmm.edu.

Given the potential for COVID-19 to spread rapidly, awareness, management, and control of cases within the MMC campus community are critical to the College's ability to continue operations. Additionally, this will be a critical component to understanding the extent of a COVID-19 emergency situation and limiting the severity of that emergency.

MMC ISOLATION PROTOCOL

According to the National Institutes of Health, "Isolation" refers to the separation and restricted movement of sick persons who have a contagious disease in order to prevent its transmission to others.¹ The success of this protocol is contingent upon the cooperation of the MMC campus community in monitoring symptoms, seeking medical attention when appropriate, and reporting COVID-19-related illness to safety@mmm.edu.

As a reminder:

- Students, faculty, and staff are required to notify safety@mmm.edu if they test positive for COVID-19;
- If an MMC employee and/or Dow Zanghi Health Center are notified of a confirmed case, they should notify safety@mmm.edu.

APPLICABILITY AND ISOLATION SPACES

Isolation Procedures may apply to the following members of MMC regardless of vaccination status:

- Members of the MMC campus community who test positive for COVID-19; or
- Members of the MMC campus community who develop or begin presenting COVID-19 symptoms while on Main Campus.

Please note, the applicability of this procedure is subject to change pending updated guidance from the CDC, state and local health departments, or other relevant developments of an outbreak as it relates to the MMC campus community.

ISOLATION FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK92450/>

If you reside in the residence halls, you may isolate-in-place, isolate at home, or isolate in another safe place. Students with diagnosed health conditions that may be adversely affected by exposure to COVID-19 may contact Residence Life or Campus Safety for assistance in moving to a safe isolation space, on a case-by-case basis.

TEMPORARY ISOLATION SPACE ON MAIN CAMPUS

MMC has identified temporary isolation space on campus intended to be used should any members of the MMC campus community require short-term isolation within the Main Campus facility before they can be moved or directed to a healthcare facility or home. Individuals who feel COVID-like symptoms should leave campus to be tested for COVID as quickly as possible, or should contact Campus Safety if they require assistance.

ISOLATION PROCEDURE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

1. If you test positive for COVID-19, notify the College as soon as possible through safety@mmm.edu.
2. You will be contacted by the following MMC leadership:
 - AVP of Student Success and Engagement/Dean of Students, if you are a student;
 - AVP of Academic Affairs if you are a faculty member;
 - AVP of Human Resources for HR, if you are a staff member.
3. Students, faculty, or staff members who test positive will be required to isolate and stay away from Main Campus in accordance with CDC and Health Department guidance, and MMC protocols, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If the timing of the isolation period means the student must stop attending classes, they must contact academicaffairs@mmm.edu to inform them. Academic Affairs will inform their professors to facilitate their return to classes.
4. While in isolation, members of the MMC campus community are asked to continuously monitor symptoms and be aware of emergency signs like trouble breathing, chest pain, confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, and/or bluish lips or face.
 - If you experience any of these symptoms, or a severe worsening of other symptoms, call Campus Safety, 911, or call ahead to your local emergency medical facility.
5. Per CDC guidance, testing is no longer required to terminate required isolation. However, Pursuant to updated guidance, individuals who are required to isolate will be able to request clearance to return to campus, regardless of vaccination status:
 - If tested positive and had symptoms:
 - At least 5 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
 - Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and**

- If you tested positive and have a weakened immune system:
 - May need to isolate for longer than 5 days **and**
 - Speak to healthcare provider before returning to normal activities **and**
 - If tested positive, but had no symptoms:
 - 5 days after initial test **and**
 - You continue to have no symptoms
6. Any member of the MMC campus community who has been isolating may return to normal activities/campus engagement when they meet the termination criteria applicable to their case (outlined above).
- Non-resident students, faculty, and staff members returning to campus after isolation should notify safety@mmm.edu of the date they intend to return.
 - Resident Students must adhere to procedure outlined below.
 - All members of the MMC campus community who return from COVID isolation must continue to wear a well-fitting mask on campus until after the 10th day from the onset of symptoms or from the date of the positive test.

ISOLATION WITHIN MMC RESIDENCE HALLS FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS

1. Any student living within MMC Residence Halls who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate-in-place, at home, or in another safe location regardless of vaccination status. Students are required to report a positive test result to residencelife@mmm.edu and safety@mmm.edu.
2. Residence Life contacts student immediately and advises that they will need isolation-in-place, if returning to residence hall.
 - Student Life will encourage residential students to go home if parents are able to pick up; students should not be encouraged to travel on mass transit or airplanes.
3. If student wishes to remain in Res Hall, Residence Life shall implement the procedure.
4. Student will be notified by Residence Life that they will isolate-in-place and complete the following:
 - Residence Life will alert Campus Safety that student will be isolated within Residence Hall.
 - As soon as possible, Residence Life will notify suitemates that a student must isolate-in-place.
5. After the decision is made to isolate within Res Halls, student will return to room and will remain inside unless leaving for medical appointment/assistance, to get medications, or to collect food deliveries from the lobby. Whenever a student in isolation must leave for an approved purpose, they must wear a well-fitting mask in any area outside their immediate isolation space.

- Roommates/Suitemates will be contacted by Res Life and will be required to self-monitor for symptoms.
6. Student in isolation will be required to wear mask/face covering while in any space occupied by a roommate/suitemate, anytime a roommate/suitemate is present.
 7. Student must stay in assigned suite and cannot access elevators or common spaces in the residence hall, including laundry facilities, during isolation, unless retrieving a food delivery.
 - See below for laundry pickup/delivery service details.
 8. While isolating, student will be encouraged to utilize Dining Dollars at off-campus vendors or the C-Store for delivery.
 - Students will be permitted to pick up delivery in the lobby. Students in isolation must wear a well-fitting mask when retrieving food from the lobby, and must make every effort to limit the time spent outside their room/suite.
 9. Resident Director on Call (RDOC) will call student daily to check in. If student needs to contact RDOC, they can contact Security, and Security will notify RDOC.
 10. Students will be encouraged to clean/disinfect their room(s) regularly, throughout their isolation period.
 11. Should student need to leave the building to visit their doctor/urgent care, student will be required to wear a mask (provided by MMC if needed) during transit.
 12. If the timing of the isolation period means the student must stop attending classes, they must contact academicaffairs@mmm.edu to inform them. Academic Affairs will inform their professors to facilitate their return to classes.
 13. Students will remain in isolation until confirming with Residence Life one of the above-listed triggers for returning to campus. Prior to resuming normal activities/engagement, Resident students will be required to communicate with residencelife@mmm.edu and safety@mmm.edu.

PROCEDURE FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE TEMPORARY ISOLATION ON CAMPUS

Temporary isolation of individuals within the Main Campus is intended to serve as a safeguard procedure to enable MMC to separate a potentially infectious individual from the rest of the MMC population on campus, for a brief period. This procedure is mainly intended to address individuals who become ill while on campus.

1. Immediately notify Campus Safety that you are feeling ill or request assistance from a faculty or staff member to do so.
2. Put on a face covering and avoid touching your face as much as possible.
3. Campus Safety will direct you to the isolation space.
4. If you are a student, you will be directed to the Dow Zanghi Health Center or other healthcare

facility of your choosing.

5. If you are a member of the Faculty or Staff, you will be asked to seek medical attention. Transport will be coordinated if necessary.
6. If your symptoms persist after leaving campus, please remain home until you are feeling better and consider getting tested for COVID-19.
7. If you test positive, please notify safety@mmm.edu immediately.

Anyone, regardless of vaccination status, who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be required to self-monitor for symptoms.

If you are experiencing [COVID-related symptoms](#): All members of the MMC community are asked to stay home and away from campus if feeling ill. If your symptoms are COVID-related and/or you have obtained a COVID-19 test, remain home until your symptoms subside and/or you obtain a negative test result. If you obtain a positive test, refer to the Isolation Procedure earlier in this document.

MMC COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

MMC has taken extensive precaution to help ensure a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for all members of the MMC campus community, within all MMC facilities. The maintenance of such an environment, however, requires the commitment, vigilance, and participation of each member of the community. Accordingly, MMC has adopted the following policies, which apply to all members of the MMC community and within all MMC facilities.

Any individual whose behavior threatens the safety and well-being of others within the MMC campus community is subject to possible removal from MMC facilities. Moreover, MMC will strictly adhere to relevant disciplinary procedures for students, faculty, or staff members who violate/disregard these policies.

SCREENING, TESTING, AND REPORTING

Pursuant to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and state/local health authorities, the following screening, testing and reporting policy applies for all members of the MMC campus community.

Vaccinations/Screening:

- COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be required. MMC will continue to strongly encourage all students, faculty, and staff to remain current with COVID-19 vaccines as we enter the endemic phase of the virus.
- All members of the MMC community are required to self-monitor for COVID

symptoms and refrain from entering any MMC facility if feeling unwell.

- An individual who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, is required to report to safety@mmm.edu.

Testing:

- Students, faculty, and staff who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 are required to be tested at their own expense (insurance or private payment). All positive COVID-19 test results must be reported to safety@mmm.edu.

Reporting:

- All members of the MMC campus community who test positive for COVID-19 are required to report this result to safety@mmm.edu. Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state law and regulations.
 - In the interest of public health, any member of the MMC campus community who tests positive for COVID-19 is strongly encouraged to notify those with whom they have come into contact of their test result.

FACE COVERINGS & PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Pursuant to New York State's [requirements](#) for reopening institutions of higher education, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and state/local health authorities, the following policy applies regarding face coverings and physical distancing for all members of the MMC campus community.

Face Coverings:

- Mask use on campus is optional—unless you've tested positive, in which case masks are required between return from isolation and day 10.
- Mask use inside the Counseling and Wellness Center and the Student Health Center will be optional, and at the discretion of CWC and Health Center staff.
- Mask policy will be continuously evaluated and revised as necessary with consideration given to local infection and transmissibility rates, and guidance from public health officials.

Additionally, MMC will maintain a supply of disposable facemasks at every security desk and within department offices for individuals arriving at any MMC facility who require masks while on campus.

BUILDING OCCUPANCY AND SPACE USAGE

Building space utilization has returned to pre-pandemic occupancy levels and space-usage procedures.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING POLICY

DAILY CLEANINGS

- Routine cleaning and disinfecting of Main Campus facilities occurs once every 24 hours Monday-Sunday.

OUTSIDE RENTALS

Outside rentals of MMC spaces have resumed, and the MMC Business Office will evaluate rental requests on a case-by-case basis. All approved outside renters are required to comply with all campus health and safety protocols at all times.

Additional information about novel coronavirus:

- [CDC COVID-19 information](#)
- [WHO COVID-19 information](#)
- [NYC Health Department COVID-19 information](#)
- [NYS Health Department COVID-19 Information](#)