



## **Covid-19 Vaccination Policy**

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This policy was created for the safety of students, employees and visitors to the Assumption University campus. It was created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Its purpose is to prevent the spread and potency of the Covid-19 virus and to lessen its impact on individuals throughout the Assumption Community. As pandemic circumstances change, so too might this policy change in response to government regulations, medical analysis and developments, and recommendations from the medical community.

### **Description of being “Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected”**

The University follows the guidelines and recommendations developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Worcester Department of Public Health, particularly for higher education and the residential campuses. These guidelines and recommendations will change from time to time as Covid evolves and as the science of responding to the virus improves. As of January 2022, the CDC considers individuals Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected regarding their inoculations until they are eligible for a booster shot, at which point they should sign up for and receive a booster shot in order to remain up-to-date.

### **Undergraduate and Graduate Students Residing On-Campus**

**Category 1:** For students who are Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, when the indoor mask mandate is lifted, the wearing of a mask on campus is optional. However, these students will remain in the testing protocol and must be tested twice a week.

**Category 2:** For students who are NOT Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected with respect to their Covid-19 vaccine, but who qualify for an exemption, they must wear a mask both indoors and outside when on the campus. In addition, these students will remain in the testing protocol and must be tested three times a week.

**Category 3:** For students who are NOT Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, they will not be allowed on the campus.

Residential students who test positive by using a Home Test SHOULD NOT go to the campus Testing Center for a PCR test to confirm their home testing results. They should immediately upload their test results to the AU Medicat site. If they test positive while at home, they should not come to campus. If they are already on campus, those residential students who live within 200 miles of the campus should return home and isolate themselves for five days. On day six, if they have not had significant symptoms and are fever free for at least 24 hours, they may return to the campus. Upon return, students should wear a KN-95, N-95, KF-94 or double mask indoors and outdoors for the additional 5 days. Covid-19 positive individuals are still 35% contagious on day 6. Those students who are still experiencing significant symptoms should isolate for an additional five days.

## **Undergraduate and Graduate Students Commuting to Campus**

**Category 1:** For commuter students who are Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, when the indoor mask mandate is lifted, the wearing of a mask on campus is optional. However, these students will remain in the testing protocol and must be tested twice a week.

**Category 2:** For commuter students who are NOT Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, but who qualify for an exemption, they must wear a mask both indoors and outside when on the campus. In addition, these students will remain in the testing protocol and must be tested three times a week.

**Category 3:** For commuter students who are NOT vaccinated and who do not qualify for an exemption, they will not be allowed on the campus.

Commuter students who test positive by using a Home Test SHOULD NOT come to the campus for a PCR test to confirm their home testing results. They should immediately upload their test results to the AU Mediat site, and should isolate themselves for five days. On day six, if they have not had significant symptoms and are fever free for at least 24 hours, they may return to the campus. Upon return, students should wear a KN-95, N-95, KF-94 or double mask indoors and outdoors for the additional 5 days. Covid-19 positive individuals are still 35% contagious on day 6. Those students who are still experiencing significant symptoms, should isolate for an additional five days.

## **Employees**

**Category 1:** For employees who are Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, when the indoor mask mandate is lifted, the wearing of a mask on campus is optional. However, these employees must remain in the testing protocol and will be tested twice a week.

**Category 2:** For employees who are NOT Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, but who qualify for an exemption, they must wear a mask both indoors and outside when on the campus. In addition, these employees will remain in the testing protocol and must be tested three times a week.

**Category 3:** For employees who are NOT vaccinated, and who do not qualify for an exemption, they will not be allowed on the campus and they will automatically be placed on Unpaid Leave.

Employees who test positive by using a Home Test SHOULD NOT come to the campus for a PCR test to confirm their home testing results. They should immediately upload their test results to the AU Mediat site, and should isolate themselves for five days. On day six, if they have not had significant symptoms and are fever free for at least 24 hours, they may return to the campus. Upon return, employees should wear a KN-95, N-95, KF-94 or double mask indoors and outdoors for the additional 5 days. Covid-19 positive people are still 35% contagious on day 6. Those employees who are still experiencing significant symptoms should isolate for an additional five days.

## **Visitors to the Campus**

Visitors, in general, including parents of our students, and parents and students coming to the campus to watch athletic events must show proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of arrival at the front gate and/or at the main entrance to events.

**Category 1:** For visitors who are Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected with respect to their Covid-19 vaccine, when the indoor mask mandate is lifted, the wearing of a mask on campus is optional.

**Category 2:** For visitors who are NOT Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected with respect to being vaccinated, they will not be allowed on the campus unless they show proof of a negative PCR Covid-19 test taken “within 72 hours” of arrival to the campus.

## **Admissions Visitors**

**Category 1:** For Admissions visitors who are Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected, when the indoor mask mandate is lifted, the wearing of a mask on campus is optional.

**Category 2:** Admissions visitors who are NOT Up-to-Date/Optimally Protected with respect to the vaccine are encouraged to bring either a copy of their vaccination card or a negative PCR test result obtained within 72 hours of their visit to campus. Visitors who are not up-to-date with their Covid-19 vaccines are required to wear a mask indoors and outdoors when on campus.

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