



# Assumption University

## COVID-19 Management Policy

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The following policy shall supersede all existing COVID-19 policies previously released by Assumption University. This policy may be amended at a future date in response to government regulations, medical analysis and developments or recommendations from the medical community.

This policy was created for the safety of students, employees and visitors to the Assumption University campus in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Its purpose is to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 virus on individuals throughout the Assumption Community and to empower individuals to manage the level of risk with which they are comfortable.

### **Vaccination Recommendation**

Assumption University recommends that all students, faculty and staff be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including the most current available booster. For more information on CDC guidelines regarding vaccination status and boosters please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

### **Mask Requirements on the Assumption University Campus**

Masks will be the personal choice of the wearer for the entire campus. Masks WILL be required for students, staff and faculty who present with symptoms while on campus until a negative test result is obtained. This includes students who visit Health Services or the Athletic Training Center with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 per the CDC; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

### **Testing for COVID 19 on Campus**

There will be no further required surveillance testing on campus. Antigen tests will be available at Health Services for students presenting symptoms, and PCR tests will be available if the medical provider believes further testing is needed. Please note that Student Health Services is no longer providing testing for faculty and staff. Employees who have been exposed to COVID and are exhibiting symptoms should return home to test.

### **Guest/Visitor Policy**

This policy does not require the pre-registration of any/all guests visiting campus. The GUEST POLICY as outlined in the Student Handbook will remain in effect. It is strongly recommended that all guests and visitors be in full compliance with CDC guidelines for vaccination. We ask that guests and visitors not come to campus if they have tested positive for COVID-19 until they have completed the recommended isolation period and are symptom free. We also suggest that visitors use their best judgment when visiting campus if they are feeling unwell or are concerned about potential exposure.

## **Guidelines for those who test POSTIVE for COVID 19, regardless of vaccination status**

**ANY student** who tests positive by using a Home Test SHOULD NOT go to the Campus Health Center in person. They should immediately upload their test results to the AU Medicat site. If they test positive while at home, they should assume they have been infected and not come to campus. If they are already on campus, residential students living within 200 miles of the campus must return home and isolate themselves for five days. Students who cannot safely return home to isolate will isolate on campus in an area predetermined by Residence Life.

On day six (the day of your positive test is day 0), if the student is fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours and symptoms are improving, the student may end isolation. When returning to campus following isolation the student must wear a well-fitting, high-quality mask (KN95, KF95 or N95) always covering your nose and mouth when you are with other people from days 6 to 10.

If the student still has a fever, symptoms are not improving OR cannot wear a mask, isolation must continue for an additional 5 days (returning to campus on day 11). If you had moderate illness (if you experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing), or severe illness (you were hospitalized) due to COVID-19, or you have a weakened immune system, you need to isolate through day 10 AND a negative antigen test will be required for return to campus. Complete CDC isolation protocols can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

### **Employees**

Employees who test positive by using a Home Test SHOULD NOT come to the campus and must isolate at home for 5 days, you will no longer be asked to upload test results or vaccination status to the AU Medicat portal which will only be used for students moving forward. Again, Student Health Services is no longer providing testing for faculty and staff. If you have been exposed to COVID and are exhibiting symptoms, we ask that you do not visit Student Health Services and please return home to test.

In accordance with CDC recommendations, you are eligible to return to campus on day 6 following the date of your positive test (the day of your positive test is counted as day 0) if you have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours and your symptoms are improving. When returning to campus following isolation you must wear a well-fitting, high-quality mask (KN95, KF95 or N95) always covering your nose and mouth when you are with other people from days 6 to 10.

If you still have a fever, your symptoms are not improving OR you cannot always wear a mask, you must continue to isolate for an additional 5 days (returning to campus on day 11). If you had moderate illness (if you experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing), or severe illness (you were hospitalized) due to COVID-19, or you have a weakened immune system, you need to isolate through day 10 AND a negative antigen test will be required for return to campus. Complete CDC isolation protocols can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

### **Questions**

If you have questions regarding any portion of this policy, please do not hesitate to contact Dan DiTullio in the Office of the President at [covidquestions@assumption.edu](mailto:covidquestions@assumption.edu)