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COVID-19

To students and employees,

In light of the latest CDC guidelines regarding masking, the university is updating its mask guidelines for the Spring 2022 semester. Masking remains key to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the prevalence of the highly transmissible omicron variant makes this even more critical. We are all responsible to each other to maintain on-campus classes and a safe environment for all.

Our guidance on masking is updated as follows:

- Face coverings are required in all university facilities, regardless of vaccination status.
- Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn outdoors by all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, and are required outside when physical distancing is not possible.
- Higher-grade masks (KN95 or KF94) or disposable surgical masks (typically blue, which can be sealed above the nose) are strongly recommended.
- Face shields, bandanas, neck gaiters, scarves, turtleneck collars, masks with valves, and balaclavas/ski masks are not acceptable.
- Cloth and handmade face coverings are discouraged. If cloth or handmade masks are used, it is strongly recommended they be worn with a surgical mask.
- A mask must fit snugly over the wearer's nose and mouth and under the chin, and snugly against the sides of the wearer's face (no gaps around the sides).

The safety of students who are living in our residence halls is a priority. If a resident tests positive for COVID-19, we recommend that the student isolate at home until they are able to return safely.

We recognize there may be extenuating circumstances. Our Housing and Residence Life staff will contact each student who tests positive to discuss their situation. Our goal is to minimize the risk of community spread, but we will consider each individual circumstance to best assist students.

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At Clarion, if you are symptom free, you can get tested at Eagle Commons 107/108 from 7-11:30AM (PCR) and 12PM-2:00PM (Rapid/Antigen) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you experience symptoms, visit [MyHealth Clarion Scheduling](#) (office365.com) to make an appointment, or call the Health Center at 814-393-2121 for additional information.

Employees that feel they may have symptoms of COVID-19 should follow the [COVID-19 employee decision tree](#).

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Spring 2022 classes are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and end on Monday, May 2. Final exams will be held Tuesday, May 3, through Friday, May 6. View the [detailed academic calendar](#) for more information.

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Students in clinical, student teaching and other out-of-class assignments should follow the guidance of their placement location.

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Contact Student Health Services at 814-393-2121 to let them know you are feeling unwell or that you have been asked to quarantine.

Contact your professor(s) to let them know you won't be in class. Ask for instructions about how to keep up or catch up on any missed material or assignments.

A medical excuse will be required upon return to the course or your absence(s) will be considered unexcused. Documentation provided by Student Health Services or Student Affairs is acceptable, but you are responsible for providing the documentation/excuse to each of your faculty members.

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No. Student Health Services will not notify faculty members that students are in quarantine/isolation due to privacy laws. Students are responsible for notifying faculty members that they will not be in class.

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All campus-dining operations remain TO GO only. Self serve and all you care to eat options are not available at this time. Minimal physically distant seating will be made available especially during periods of inclement weather.

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- Cloth and handmade face coverings are discouraged. If cloth or handmade masks are used it is strongly recommended they be worn with a surgical mask.
- A mask must fit snugly over the wearer's nose and mouth and under the chin, and snugly against the sides of the wearer's face (no gaps around the sides).

Examples of suggested types of masks:



These requirements apply to all employees, students and visitors.

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Students who are unable to wear a face covering due to a documented health condition or disability must request an exception by contacting:

Disability Support Services
814-393-2095
Coordinator Mr. Ron Radaker, rradaker@clarion.edu

Faculty members may ask for documentation of the accommodation. Students will not be asked to reveal the nature of the health condition.

Employees who cannot wear a mask due to a medical reason must request a medical accommodation from Human Resources. Upon a review of the request, HR will provide the faculty member with a determination.

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The following procedure should be followed if a student arrives to class without an approved mask and does not have an approved accommodation:

- If the student refuses to wear an approved mask, the faculty member can refuse entry to the class until such time that the student wears an approved mask; these may count as unexcused absences.
- The faculty member should also report students who refuse to wear an approved mask to the Student Conduct office for their action.

Employees who do not wear an approved face covering and do not have an approved accommodation will be reported to Human Resources.

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Students are encouraged to maintain their own supply of masks. A limited number of disposable masks are available at the campus information desk for students who have lost or forgotten to bring an approved mask.

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No. Eating and/or drinking are not permitted in class at this time.

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Free testing for asymptomatic students is available.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 107-108 Eagle Commons

- 7-11:30 a.m. PCR testing for any student (2-3 day send-out test)
- Noon-2 p.m. Rapid/antigen testing for any student (15-30 minute test)

The testing clinic operates on a walk-in model, no appointment necessary.

Employees who experience symptoms should seek guidance from their healthcare provider and notify their supervisor.

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No. All in-person events, gatherings and meetings will transition to virtual formats through at least Feb. 1, at which time we will reassess the situation and the latest guidance from state and federal healthcare organizations.

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If you experience symptoms, visit [MyHealth Clarion Scheduling](#) (office365.com) to make an appointment, or call the Health Center at 814-393-2121 for additional information. Isolate in your room while you await results.

Employees –
Seek guidance from your healthcare provider and notify your supervisor.

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Ensure you are optimally protected against COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and staying up to date with a booster dose. Vaccine-specific information and booster eligibility details are available on the [CDC's website](#).

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We have created a [COVID-19 Tracker](#) webpage to keep you informed of the number of confirmed positive cases involving a student or employee who has been living, working or taking an in-person class on campus or who may have presented an exposure risk to other members of the University community.

You are encouraged to visit the web page and review its content so that you are aware of the communications protocols and other procedures that have been put in place to address confirmed positive COVID cases.

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No. Neither the university nor any of its employees are permitted to ask any other employee or student about their vaccination status. This does not mean that you cannot discuss vaccination or COVID-related topics more generally. In the classroom, if these topics are relevant to the learning objectives of the course, then you can certainly discuss them. You may also discuss COVID-related matters in class as they relate to classroom safety and management - e.g., encouraging students to space themselves around the classroom where possible, the use of electronic assignments and exams to minimize the passing of physical materials as part of the class, appropriate laboratory protocols, reminders about mask-wearing when indoors, etc.

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Yes. Graduate assistants and student workers can work as long as they follow masking and social distancing requirements.

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CASES ON CAMPUS

Clarion University student and employee cases known to have tested positive for COVID-19, and who may have presented an exposure risk to other members of the university community are listed below. Information will be updated each morning. The Confirmed Case date reflects the date the person was notified of a positive case; please note that there may be a lag in time for those tested off campus between their positive result and when they report the information to the university.

It is important to note that these numbers represent cases reported to Clarion University's Human Resources office or the Center for Wellness and may include those reported by the Clarion County Health Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

If you feel you may have symptoms of COVID-19, please follow the [COVID-19 student decision tree](#). Any student can get tested Monday and Wednesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Eagle Commons 107/108.

Employees that feel they may have symptoms of COVID-19 should follow the [COVID-19 employee decision tree](#).

CONFIRMED CASES - JANUARY 2022

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Residence: On-campus

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Residence: Off-campus

Monday, Jan. 24

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COVID-19 STUDENT DECISION TREE

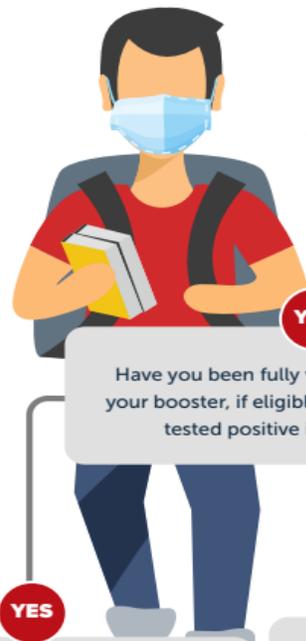
ARE YOU EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

YES

- Contact the Health Center at 814-393-2121. Get tested.
- Stay home and isolate in your room while you await your test results, even if you do not know if you've been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Do not attend in-person classes, and stay away from people you live with.
- Monitor your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.
- If you test positive:
 - Isolate at home for 5 days.
Day 1 is the day after your symptoms appeared.
 - You can end isolation after day 5 if your symptoms have resolved or are resolving, including being fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
 - Wear a mask around others through day 10. Avoid places where you are unable to wear a mask such as gyms or restaurants. Utilize take-out or grab-and-go meal options.
- If you test negative, continue to avoid others until your symptoms improve to prevent the spread of your illness.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
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NO

Have you been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19? (within 6 feet for a cumulative total time of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period)

YES

Have you been fully vaccinated and received your booster, if eligible, or have you previously tested positive in the last 90 days?

NO

- Wear a mask around others through day 10. Avoid places where you are unable to wear a mask such as gyms or restaurants. Utilize take-out or grab-and-go meal options.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.
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 - If you remain symptom-free, get tested at least 5 days after exposure. (If you have previously tested positive in the last 90 days and are symptom-free, you do not need to get tested after close contact).
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COVID-19 EMPLOYEE DECISION TREE

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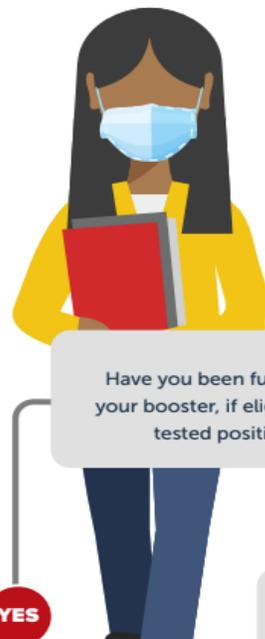
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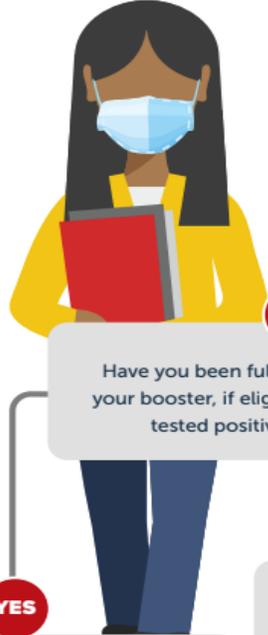


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Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (5)
Residence: Off-campus

Friday, Jan. 21

Category: Student (9)
Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (4)
Residence: Off-campus

Thursday, Jan. 20

Category: Student (3)
Residence: On-campus

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Category: Student (3)
Residence: On-campus

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Category: Student (3)
Residence: On-campus

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Category: Student (2)
Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (5)
Residence: Off-campus

Thursday, Jan. 14

Category: Student (8)
Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (3)
Residence: Off-campus

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Category: Student (3)
Residence: Off-campus

Category: Student (3)
Residence: On-campus

Monday, Jan. 10

Category: Employee (2)
Residence: Off-campus

Category: Student (1)
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Monday, Jan. 10

Category: Employee (2)
Residence: Off-campus

Category: Student (1)
Residence: On-campus

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Friday, Jan. 7

Category: Employee (1)
Residence: Off-campus

Category: Student (8)
Residence: Off-campus

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Category: Student (2)
Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (2)
Residence: Off-campus

Saturday, Jan. 1

Category: Student (2)
Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (1)
Residence: Off-campus

ARCHIVED POSITIVE CASE COUNT

PROCEDURES FOR POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

Category: Student (2)
Residence: Off-campus

Saturday, Jan. 1

Category: Student (2)
Residence: On-campus

Category: Student (1)
Residence: Off-campus

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PROCEDURES FOR POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

Clarion University will generally become aware of a positive case in one of five ways:

- Notification from the Clarion County Department of Health (if the person is tested in Clarion County);
- Notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (if the person is tested in another county within Pennsylvania);
- Notification from Clarion University Human Resources or the Center for Wellness (if the person was sent for testing by the university);
- The student was tested at the Center for Wellness and results were received from the testing lab;
- Notification from the individual self-reporting. (Any student or employee who is displaying symptoms and plans to be tested should alert Human Resources or the Center for Wellness.)
- University is notified that a student tested positive through the testing program.

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