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Molloy University **Respiratory Viruses Guidance** **Updated March 2024**

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has recently published a general [Guidance for Respiratory Viruses](#), as opposed to additional guidance for each specific virus (i.e. COVID-19).

If students are feeling ill, we encourage students to contact Health Services at 516-323-3467, follow the guidance of their medical provider, and/or schedule an appointment at a local GoHealth for telehealth or in-person care via the Molloy/GoHealth portal by [clicking here](#).

If employees are feeling ill, we encourage employees to follow the guidance of their medical provider, and/or schedule an appointment at a local GoHealth for telehealth or in-person care via the Molloy/GoHealth portal by [clicking here](#). GoHealth services are in-network with most major New York and national insurance plans and provide affordable same-day pricing for patients without insurance.

As per CDC's updated respiratory viruses guidance, Molloy University students and employees should stay home and away from others when feeling ill until at least 24 hours after both their symptoms are getting better overall, and they have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Since some people stay contagious beyond the "stay-at-home" period, students and employees are encouraged to follow precautions over the next five days after time away from others is over. These precautions include taking more steps for cleaner air, enhancing hygiene practices, wearing a well-fitting mask, and keeping distance from others.

Health Services will coordinate with the Office of Residence Life to facilitate isolation for resident students, which in some cases may include asking a resident student to return home, if feasible, for self-isolation. In other instances, a resident may be required to isolate in their residence hall room.

Employees must continue to notify their supervisor if they are unable to work due to illness. Students should notify faculty and other staff members, as needed, regarding absences from class, practices, games, or work shifts.

Molloy continues to strongly encourage all members of our community to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on vaccines. Please note that students participating in certain clinical practicums, internships, externships and other experiences and faculty working in clinical environments may be required under the program's or facility's policies to provide proof of additional medical screenings or immunizations. Check with your clinical coordinators for requirements and more information.

Molloy University encourages all community members to respect the choice of others to wear or not wear a mask based on individual circumstances and preferences. Molloy University will not tolerate any harassment based on an individual's choice to wear or not wear a mask. Mask use may be recommended to students in certain programs (e.g., clinical practicums, internships, externships and other experiences) at the discretion of the program and facility.

This policy is subject to change at any time at Molloy University's discretion based on the most current recommendations from federal, state and local health officials and the needs of the Molloy University community.

