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Molloy University Updated Fall 2023 COVID-19 Procedures

Molloy University no longer requires students, faculty, staff or guests to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate in classes, programs, or activities or to visit any Molloy location. Molloy continues to strongly encourage all members of our community to get vaccinated and stay up-todate 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, including immunization against COVID-19. Check with your clinical coordinators for requirements and more information.

Masks and Social Distancing

With some exceptions, masks are no longer required at Molloy locations. Masks continue to be required for:

- Anyone who is required to wear a mask based on the CDC guidelines after testing positive for COVID-19.
- Students in certain programs (e.g., clinical practicums, internships, externships and other experiences) at the discretion of the program and facility.

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.

Quarantine and Isolation

Students

Students who test positive for COVID-19 should <u>remain in their room/home</u> just as with the flu, strep throat, or other contagious illnesses. Students are expected to follow protective measures per <u>CDC recommendations</u> to prevent the spread of illnesses to the greatest extent possible. This

includes following CDC's recommended isolation guidance, mask use, minimizing time in communal spaces, and additional emphasis on hand hygiene.

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 will be instructed to self-isolate in accordance with the current <u>CDC guidelines</u>. 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.

A student who presents to Health Services exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms but who tests negative on an antigen/rapid test, will be instructed, as per CDC guidance, to obtain a molecular/PCR test. Molecular/PCR tests may be obtained through GoHealth, or the student's PCP or urgent care of their preference. The student will be instructed to follow protective measures (i.e. mask use, social distancing, avoiding communal spaces, frequent hand washing) until the student receives a negative result from their molecular/PCR test.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 outside of Molloy Health Services are required to contact Health Services to report their positive results and receive further instruction. Health Services will contact the Office of Academic Affairs for the student as per student's request and consent if the student is seriously injured or ill and requires emergency care or admission to the hospital. In all other cases, it is the student's responsibility to notify faculty and other staff members, as needed, regarding absences from class, practices, games, or work shifts. Health Services will not provide absence notes for students.

Employees

Employees should continue to notify their supervisor if they are unable to work due to illness. Molloy University continues to strongly recommend that employees stay home if they feel unwell. Any employee who tests positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance of their medical provider and isolate according to <u>CDC guidelines</u>.

In order to limit spread and assess for a potential uptick of COVID-19 cases in the Molloy community, employees are strongly encouraged to contact Health Services if they test positive for COVID-19.

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.

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