Contact Tracing

Worcester State’s Contact Tracing Response Team assists with:

- Identifying close contacts
- Following up with close contacts
- Monitoring trends in higher-risk groups

Symptomatic Testing

Whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated, please follow these steps if you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

**STUDENTS**
Contact your primary care provider or Worcester State Student Health Services

- *Residential Students*
  Contact Student Health Services for further instructions and testing options

- *Commuter Students*
  Do not come to campus until you receive a negative test or have been cleared by a health care professional

**EMPLOYEES**

- Do not come to campus
- Immediately leave campus if symptoms develop while on campus
- Stay home until you receive a negative test or are cleared by a health care professional

Routine testing will be offered on campus in Wasylean Hall during the spring semester. Both PCR and rapid antigen testing are available.

**Worcester State Student Health Services: 508-929-8875**
**Mask Requirements**

Students, employees, and visitors must wear masks at all times inside University buildings and vehicles. *Masks must be worn over your nose and mouth.*

**ACCEPTABLE MASKS**
- 3-ply disposable or surgical-type mask
- N95 and KN95
- Decorative cloth mask + 3-ply surgical mask

**NOT ACCEPTABLE MASKS**
- Cloth mask alone
- Face shield
- Balaclava
- Gaitor

Visit [worcester.edu/safe-campus](worcester.edu/safe-campus) for a complete list of campus locations where 3-ply surgical masks are distributed.

**Isolation and Quarantine**

Know when to stay home—and when it is safe to return to campus.

**STAY HOME** from campus:

If you test positive for COVID-19, even if you have been vaccinated:

**ISOLATE** for 5 days from date of positive test

If you come into contact with a person with COVID-19 and you are unvaccinated or are not up to date with vaccines*:

**QUARANTINE** for 5 days from date of contact

**RETURN** to campus:

You may return to campus on day 6 after a positive test and **ISOLATION** if:

- You experience no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine
- You are asymptomatic OR symptoms are resolving
- You have been officially cleared by Student Health Services (residential students only)

You may return to campus on day 6 after close contact and **QUARANTINE** if:

- You test negative for COVID-19 on day 5 after contact (Rapid Antigen or PCR test)
- You are symptom free
- You wear a mask at all times around others for 5 additional days

All close contacts, regardless of vaccination status and quarantine, must:

- Take Rapid Antigen or PCR test on day 5 after contact
- Isolate if symptoms develop or test is positive for COVID-19
- Wear a mask at all times around others

*Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.

**Resources**

- **COVID Test Location:** [mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test](mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test)
- **Vaccination Finder:** [vaxfinder.mass.gov](vaxfinder.mass.gov)

For complete information on all Worcester State COVID-19 protocols and procedures visit [worcester.edu/safe-campus](worcester.edu/safe-campus).