

Arrival on Campus Fall 2021 FAQ

Will I be required to wear a mask on campus?

Students, faculty, and staff who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask. Students who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask in classes and anytime they are indoors. Faculty and staff who are not vaccinated must wear a mask at all times indoors, unless by themselves in their private office, and maintain a social distance. The College may extend mandatory mask usage to vaccinated persons if the situation warrants.

Will social and physical distancing be used in classes?

Classes will make use of 3-foot distancing and other best practices.

Will classes be offered online or in hybrid formats due to COVID?

In general, no. The College is returning primarily to face-to-face instruction for all classes this Fall, but may elect to offer online or hybrid classes for non-COVID-related reasons.

Will students be able to request to take classes online this coming semester?

In general, no. We are offering in-person classes as a rule and students should plan to take their classes in this modality. However, the College will consider extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis. Email academicaffairs@wwvc.edu if you have specific questions.

Will faculty be required to maintain seating charts and attendance records?

Yes, seating charts and attendance records will be kept for contact-tracing purposes.

Will academic-related travel be permitted this coming semester?

In general, yes, although the College reserves the right to restrict travel if conditions warrant and will consider travel requests on a case-by-case basis.

If I test positive or need to quarantine or isolate, will I be able to attend my classes virtually?

Even though we are going to be delivering the vast majority of our classes in an in-person modality, faculty are prepared to accommodate students who are required to isolate or quarantine. The Office of Academic Affairs will facilitate these arrangements in conjunction with a student's professors.

How will internships and other outside placements be handled?

Many sites are requiring student interns to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in in-person activities. Placements will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Will vaccines be available upon arrival on campus?

Yes, the College can assist community members in locating a vaccine upon arrival on campus. Vaccines will be free of charge.

What if I lost my vaccine card?

If you have misplaced your vaccine card, contact the health care provider or organization that provided you with your vaccination for a replacement.

What should I do if my roommate is experiencing COVID symptoms?

Encourage your roommate to call the COVID hotline immediately. Remind them to wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distance at all times. Sanitize any shared surfaces (microwave, faucets, doorknobs, etc.). If you feel uncomfortable, you, too, can consult with Campus Health.

Monitor your own symptoms, follow all health guidelines, and consult with a healthcare professional if you have questions about your own health. There are no recommendations to quarantine unless your roommate tests positive. If so, you will be contacted and provided directions.

Will I be permitted to change roommates if my assigned roommate is not vaccinated?

In general, no. However, requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Do I need to provide COVID test results prior to arriving on campus?

All unvaccinated students will be required to provide negative Covid-19 test results prior to arrival on campus. The test must be given no earlier than seven days prior to arrival. Test results should be submitted to covidtest@wwvc.edu

Will testing be required during the fall semester?

All unvaccinated faculty, staff, and students will undergo weekly surveillance testing. Vaccinated individuals will not be required to undergo testing.

What should I do if I begin experiencing symptoms?

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not come to class or work. Instead, isolate and seek medical consultation. Students who feel symptomatic for COVID-19 should contact the Community Care of West Virginia campus clinic at 304-517-3774. Alert your professors via email and also alert academicaffairs@wwvc.edu.

What is the COVID Fee? What does the COVID Fee cover?

The COVID Fee of \$750 will be charged to all students who do not provide proof of vaccination by September 7th. The COVID Fee covers the cost of weekly surveillance testing, contact tracing, up to 48 hours of quarantine, including meal delivery and laundry facilities, and cleaning and sanitation efforts. This fee is non-refundable.

If there is a medical reason I can't get the vaccine, will I still be charged the COVID Fee?

The COVID Fee will be waived for students that are medically unable to receive the vaccine. In order for the fee to be waived, a detailed letter from the student's primary care physician or specialist and corresponding medical records must be submitted to covidtest@wwvc.edu. All records will be reviewed by a committee, who will render final waiver decisions. Students with a medical fee waiver will be required to undergo weekly surveillance testing.

If I test positive for COVID-19 or am exposed to COVID-19, will I be required to quarantine?

Community members, whether vaccinated or not, who test positive for Covid-19 will be required to isolate. Unvaccinated community members who are exposed to Covid-19 will also be required to quarantine. Quarantine or isolation on campus will be available for 48 hours following the determination

that an isolation/quarantine are required. Students who are unable to return home or make other arrangements may complete the remainder of their quarantine on campus for a \$250 fee.

If the College mandates a vaccine, will there be a medical or religious exemption?

If the College mandates a vaccine during the academic year, the College will also provide pathways for students to provide referenced documentation for a legitimate medical or religious exemption. These exemptions will be subject to review and unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff may still be subject to regular testing, mask-wearing, social distancing, or other protocols as determined at that time.