



COVID-19 Health & Safety Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Academic Year 2021-2022

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This FAQ contains the COVID-19 policies, protocols and processes that are current as of the date of issue. Given the rapidly changing circumstances of the progression of the COVID virus, the development of new variants, and the on-going push to protect our population through vaccination, these policies, protocols and processes are subject to change with very little notice. Please look for emails and check the FAQ frequently for updates.

Vaccination remains the most effective way to protect yourself and our community from COVID-19.

ALL STUDENTS

Is the COVID vaccine required for students?

The COVID vaccine is not required, but is strongly recommended to help keep the community safe.

Do I have to wear a face covering?

The College requires that all individuals regardless of vaccination status wear a face covering in public indoor spaces when they are not eating or drinking. Face coverings can be removed in outdoor settings. The College may require face coverings to be worn in crowded outdoor spaces.

Will social distancing be required?

Social distancing will not be required. Classrooms and all spaces on campus will be back to full capacity.

Will the College require symptom monitoring?

Yes. The College asks that everyone monitor their symptoms prior to leaving their residence. Students will not have to use a symptom monitoring app. You can refer to the [Symptoms Check](#) website to monitor your symptoms.

What happens if I am symptomatic?

Students should follow the directions outlined on the [Symptoms Check](#) website for next steps if symptomatic.

Can I be tested for COVID-19 on-campus?

Regardless of vaccination status, residential students who are symptomatic can be tested for COVID-19 on-campus. Commuter students should be in contact with their primary care physician or utilize off-campus testing sites.

Will the College still contact trace?

Yes. The College will still use trained staff to contact individuals who may have been in contact with someone who has been on-campus and tested positive for COVID-19.

What is the College's absence policy related to COVID-19?

Class absences due to COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis, or exposure will not be penalized. Students should contact their instructor if they have questions regarding how to access required academic material (such as lectures) and complete assignments during such absences. Absence notifications from the Dean of Students are not required for these absences. *The full Attendance & COVID-19 policy can be found on your Syllabus course in CANVAS.*

What will dining look like in the fall?

Both Canova Commons and the Falcon's Nest will be fully operational this fall. Mobile ordering remains in place in the Falcon's Nest and new to-go containers will be provided to students on the dining plan.

Will clubs and organizations be able to meet in-person and hold events?

Yes. Clubs and organizations must use Astra to schedule meetings and events. You can contact the Office of Student Activities and Campus recreation at osa@cedarcrest.edu for more information.

VACCINATED STUDENTS

Is re-entry testing required for the fall?

Vaccinated students are not required to take a COVID-19 re-entry test. Vaccination is defined as receiving either two doses of the Moderna/Pfizer or one dose of the J&J vaccination. Documentation must be provided to the College evidencing vaccination.

Is the College collecting vaccination information?

Yes. You can send a picture of your vaccine card (front and back with name and dates clearly visible) to vaccinationcard@cedarcrest.edu. This information will be kept confidential and will be used to help provide the College with vaccination data for future decision making. Students who do not submit their vaccination information will be considered unvaccinated.

What happens if I am exposed to someone to COVID-19?

Vaccinated students will need to report exposures to Health Services at healthservices@cedarcrest.edu. In accordance with CDC guidance, vaccinated students will need to take a COVID-19 test 3-5 days after exposure and provide their results to healthservices@cedarcrest.edu. Vaccinated students will not need to quarantine unless they become symptomatic.

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

Vaccinated students will be required to isolate off-campus. Residents with extenuating circumstances may be able to isolate on-campus based upon availability.

UNVACCINATED STUDENTS

How does the College define "unvaccinated?"

Unvaccinated is defined as not receiving either two doses of the Moderna/Pfizer or one dose of the J&J vaccination. Partial vaccination is considered unvaccinated.

What is the College's testing strategy?

The College will be COVID-19 testing 10% of unvaccinated residential students weekly. The College will provide COVID-19 tests to vaccinated and unvaccinated symptomatic traditional students.

What happens if I am exposed to someone with COVID-19?

Unvaccinated students will need to report exposures to Health Services at healthservices@cedarcrest.edu. Unvaccinated students will be required to quarantine off-campus. Under extenuating circumstances, it may be possible for residential students to be relocated to quarantine spaces on campus based upon availability.

When can I leave quarantine?

Unvaccinated students can leave quarantine on day 7 after their exposure if they provide a negative COVID-19 test administered on day 5 or later since their exposure to healthservices@cedarcrest.edu. Unvaccinated students who choose not to take a COVID-19 test must quarantine the full 14 days.

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

Unvaccinated students will be required to isolate off-campus. Residents with extenuating circumstances may be able to isolate on-campus based upon availability.

When can I leave isolation?

Unvaccinated students can leave isolation 10 days after exposure, pending a negative test after day 5-7, if they are 24 hours fever free and symptoms have lessened.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

Are residential students allowed to have guests in the residence halls?

Students will be permitted to have non-Cedar Crest visitors in the residence halls when transmission rates in Lehigh County are low or moderate. The Office of Residence Life will notify residents when visitors are permitted in the residence halls.

Do residential students have to wear face coverings in public spaces in the residence halls?

Students will be permitted to not wear face coverings in the public spaces in the residence halls when transmission rates in Lehigh County are low or moderate. The Office of Residence Life will notify residents when face coverings are no longer required in residential public spaces.

Will there be capacity limits for bathrooms, lobbies, kitchens, and laundry rooms?

No. Residential students will be able to fully utilize spaces in the residence halls.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Guidance for student athletes will be determined by the NCAA and our athletic conference. The Athletic Department will notify student-athletes of athletic policies as they become available.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

What do I do if I am coming back from international travel?

In accordance with CDC guidelines, students who return to the United States from other countries, regardless of vaccination status, are required to have a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 3 days before travel. You must also get tested 3-5 days after your travel and follow all policies outlined above for isolation if needed.