



COVID-19: Return to Campus Minimum Requirements Updates

In accordance with the [values of Carnegie Mellon University](#), CMU community members are expected to behave with integrity, act honestly and ethically and to observe the appropriate health and safety measures in all campus settings.

Facial coverings: [High-quality well-fitting facial coverings](#) are required in the following situations regardless of vaccination status:

- Anyone who has tested positive (wear through day 10 after start of isolation period unless testing negative twice in a 48 hour period)).
- Anyone who has or may have been in [close contact](#) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 10 days after the last exposure to the positive COVID-19 case.
- Anyone participating and working in Tartan Testing or visiting and working in University Health Services.

Isolation

- COVID-positive individuals will be able to stop isolating on day 6 if fever-free for at least 24 hours (without medication) and respiratory symptoms are improving.
- If isolation can be stopped, it is important to wear a high-quality, well-fitting facial covering through Day 10.
- With two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, you may remove your facial covering before Day 10.

Documentation of Vaccination Status:

- All students, faculty and staff are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (including booster dose when eligible) and to upload confirmation of booster vaccination status to the CMU Vaccine Database in [HealthConnect](#).
- All students, faculty and staff eligible for a COVID-19 booster are required to upload documentation within 60 days of their eligibility in [HealthConnect](#).
- Anyone requesting to be exempted from vaccination will need to complete an application for exemption form:
 - Students: [medical, religious belief/strong moral or ethical conviction](#)
 - Faculty and staff: [medical, religious belief/strong moral or ethical conviction](#)
- If you have already received an exemption from vaccination, you are automatically exempted from the booster requirement.
- If you are vaccinated but wish to request exemption from a booster, an exemption form will need to be completed.



COVID-19 Symptoms or Diagnosis:

Employees and students are expected to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis. Anyone who displays COVID-19 symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID-19 must stay home. Quarantine is no longer required for those deemed to be a close contact of a COVID-19 positive case, regardless of vaccination status. However, you must wear a facial covering while in public for 10 days after the last exposure to the positive COVID-19 case.

Employees and students who have received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or have had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual must inform Community Health and Well-Being and follow any applicable self-isolation or quarantine requirements:

- [Students, faculty/staff members, or affiliates **with an Andrew ID**](#)
- [Students of CMU Silicon Valley with an Andrew ID](#)
- [Affiliates **without an Andrew ID** or children from Cyert Center/Children's School](#)

Visitors, contractors and other persons who are planning to be on campus and receive a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or close contact exposure within 10 days of their time on campus must inform their local supervisor or CMU host. The supervisor or CMU host will inform Community Health and Well-Being:

- [Affiliates **without an Andrew ID** or children from Cyert Center/Children's School](#)

More information about reporting a positive diagnosis and what to do if you are a close contact can be found here: <https://www.cmu.edu/coronavirus/health-and-wellness/symptoms-and-reporting.html>

Exceptions to the minimum requirements may only be made with the approval of the COVID-19 Coordinator.

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