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: Everyone must wear a high-quality well-fitting facial covering (sufficient to cover the nose and mouth) at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Exceptions include: while eating or drinking; when alone in a private space, such as an office or vehicle; and in designated residence hall floor spaces when used by vaccinated residents. If you cannot wear a facial covering due to a medical condition, please contact either the Office of Disability Resources (students) or HR Disability Services (employees) to request an exemption.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing: All students, faculty and staff who are in the process of becoming fully vaccinated, who have been exempted from the COVID-19 vaccine or booster requirement, or who have not yet uploaded their vaccination information to the university's Vaccine Database must participate weekly in Tartan Testing (the university's COVID-19 asymptomatic testing program).

Tartan Testing is also available for all other CMU community members on an ongoing basis for those desiring a test.

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.
• Anyone with an approved exemption will be required to participate in weekly Tartan Testing and wear a facial covering.

COVID-19 Symptoms or Diagnosis (updated March 4, 2022):

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. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated (or boosted once eligible) who is identified as a close contact with a positive COVID-19 case must stay home.

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 at CHWB@andrew.cmu.edu and follow any applicable self-isolation or quarantine requirements.

Visitors, contractors and other persons who are planning to be on campus and received 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 at CHWB@andrew.cmu.edu to initiate communication protocols.

In-person Meetings and University-Sponsored Events (updated January 31, 2022):

Indoor meetings and university-sponsored events of up to 50 persons or 50% of the indoor space capacity (whichever is greater) are permitted.

Outdoor meetings and university-sponsored events are permitted up to 75% of outdoor facility capacity.

Food at events and gatherings indoors is strongly discouraged. If food is to be served as part of an indoor meeting or event, the event should be hosted in a space that provides for ample physical distancing between participants.

Enhanced Sanitation and Disinfection: Every 24 hours, Facilities Management and Campus Services (FMCS) will conduct enhanced sanitation and disinfection in high-traffic and common areas that are in use. FMCS is following CDC Guidelines for cleaning and is available for consultation regarding additional or enhanced cleaning of offices, laboratories and other spaces needed for unit operational plans. Email
FMCS to arrange a discussion about specific spaces.

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

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