

William Jewell College COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines in 2022-2023

As we prepare for the third academic year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, William Jewell College will approach COVID-19 with expectations that meet the demands of the institution's continuity of experience, for students and business operations. For the 2022-2023 academic year, our experience will resemble pre-pandemic semesters with an increased mindfulness of personal wellbeing.

The following guidelines for college employees and students are to be followed to positively contribute to public health:

- All immunization records must be provided to the College and updated following necessary annual/semi-annual boosters. Students must upload [immunization records](#) to [Etrieve](#). Employees must upload immunization records to [Paycor](#). Keeping current and up to date with all vaccinations is required for the health and wellness of our campus. An exemption to required immunizations remains available for students via the [Health History and Immunization Form](#) and for employees by [exemption](#) with the Office of Human Resources.
- Regardless of vaccination status, all members of the Jewell community should adhere to the same guidelines and best practices of health and wellness.
- If you are sick (symptomatic) **and have** tested positive, [isolate](#) from others for a minimum of 5 days or until [symptoms](#) resolve. Day 0 is the onset of symptoms or receipt of the positive test result, whichever is earlier. It is always wise to let those you live and work closest with know about your positive test so they can monitor their symptoms. Take precautions until day 10, including wearing a mask and limiting travel. If you are unable to isolate from campus and/or a roommate(s), please notify Residence Life for a temporary housing arrangement. Submission of positive test results is no longer required; however, failing to take precautions identified herein may result in a conduct investigation. Covid tests can be [obtained for free](#) from the government or affordable rapid tests can be purchased at a local pharmacy.
- If you are sick **and have not** tested positive, monitor your symptoms and take the best action for your wellbeing. While it is unreasonable for individuals to cease daily activity for all prevalent illnesses, the College will promote an environment where health and wellness is a priority.
- Use systems already established with your instructors, coaches or supervisors if you are to be absent (request absences) from classes and/or work, so that absences may be excused.
- Masks are a confirmed best practice and encouraged whenever you test negative but experience mild to severe symptoms and are unable to remain at home. Masks are strongly recommended for those that are at higher risk of disease when community cases of COVID-19 are at a [Medium status](#) or higher in Clay County. Faculty and staff may require masks in the classroom or personal office due to their personal circumstances. Faculty should provide notice of this requirement in the syllabus and staff should provide a notice at the office entry.
- If you are not sick (asymptomatic) but test positive due to random or surveillance testing, limit any unnecessary risk of exposure and transmission to others on campus by isolating for 5 days. Please note, this should be uncommon as testing of asymptomatic individuals will not be regularly administered.
- Some students in athletics, nursing clinicals, and student teaching may be subject to different requirements, as implemented by other institutions, organizations or municipalities in which they are visiting. Your Jewell faculty, coaches and supervisors will give you guidance or instructions.

In the event of a surge of infection on campus and strain on local healthcare capacities, strategies from previous guidelines may be implemented.