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## Mount St. Joseph University COVID-19 Policy

As of May 11, 2023, with the announcement of the end of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration, the Mount discontinued its comprehensive COVID-19 protocols. However, all Mount students and employees remain responsible for their own health as well as how their health impacts others in our community.

Based on the increase in the number of students testing positive for COVID-19 on campus and the increase trend of reported COVID-19 cases from the [Hamilton County Public Health website](#), the Mount has established a COVID-19 Policy for all students and employees, which is effective immediately and set forth **herein**.

**Experience Symptoms of COVID-19:** All students and employees who experience any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) must immediately take an over-the-counter COVID-19 test or schedule an appointment with the Wellness Center to be tested on campus. Students or employees experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 must wear masks over the nose and mouth while on campus.

**Protocols for a Positive COVID-19 Test Result:** All students and employees who test positive for COVID-19 must follow the [CDC Isolation Guidance](#).

- Contact your healthcare provider about your positive test result.
- Persons who test positive must isolate from others in your home and not come to campus for at least 5 days.
- Isolation may end after 5 days, as long as no symptoms remain.
- Once isolation ends, a mask must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while on campus until day 11.

**Students** who test positive should contact Dean of Students, Janet Cox, at [Janet.Cox@msj.edu](mailto:Janet.Cox@msj.edu) or 513.244.4239, about the process for notifying faculty of COVID-19 class absences.

**Faculty** who test positive should contact their Department Chair/Dean and the Office of Provost to plan for classes.

**Staff** who test positive must use Paid Time Off if they are unable to work during isolation and must contact their supervisor to ensure work coverage during their isolation.

**Residential students** and **student-athletes** must see below for applicable protocols.

If you have questions about the CDC Isolation Guidance or these protocols, contact the Wellness Center at 513.244.4949 or [Wellness.Center@msj.edu](mailto:Wellness.Center@msj.edu).



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**Protocols for a Negative COVID-19 Test Result:** If you test negative for COVID-19, but are experiencing symptoms of any illness, you must wear a mask over the nose and mouth at all times while on campus, until you are symptom-free. Contact your healthcare provider about your illness.

**Mask Availability on Campus:** A limited supply of disposable masks are available on campus in the Wellness Center or at the Front Desk in the Seton Center.

**Vaccination Recommendation:** Consistent with CDC and ACHA guidelines, all are encouraged to get one or more dose of the [mRNA bivalent vaccine](#).

**Residential Student COVID-19 Protocols:** If you are a Seton Resident Hall student, you must follow the protocols set forth in the **Seton Residence Hall COVID-19 Policy**. Questions about the Seton Residence Hall COVID-19 University Policy should be directed to the Wellness Center at 513.244.4949 or [Wellness.Center@msj.edu](mailto:Wellness.Center@msj.edu).

**Student-Athlete COVID-19 Protocols:** If you are a student-athlete and test positive for COVID-19:

- **You must immediately** contact the Wellness Center for directions on mandatory isolation protocols for student-athletes, which do not allow student-athletes to attend classes or participate in team meetings, training, practices, or games during isolation;
- Then, the Wellness Center will contact the student-athlete's head coach, the Department of Athletic Training, and the Athletic Director regarding the applicable isolation protocols for the student-athlete; and,
- After the isolation period concludes and all symptoms resolve, the student-athlete should contact the Department of Athletic Training for clearance and instructions on returning to class and team activities.

**Failure to Comply with Policy:** Students, faculty, and staff who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to discipline under the Student Handbook or Employee Handbook, as applicable.

*The Mount reserves the right to update and modify this  
COVID-19 Policy at any time and without notice.*