



Muhlenberg College 2021 Summer COVID-19 Student Policy

Introduction: The safety of the Muhlenberg College community continues to be our highest priority and during the COVID-19 pandemic, individual decisions and behaviors will have a significant impact on the health and safety of every member of our community.

General: This COVID-19 Policy and all related guidelines and directives issued by the College in connection with this COVID-19 Policy (together, this “Policy”), shall apply to all students and student groups.¹ Students and student groups shall also be responsible for the actions of their visitors, including family members. This Policy shall apply to conduct occurring on property owned, controlled, used or managed by the College, and adjacent streets and sidewalks, and at College sponsored activities on or off-campus, including off-campus study programs. Moreover, the College reserves the right to hold students and student groups accountable for any violation(s) of this Policy that occurs off-campus as such conduct could reasonably have an adverse effect on the College, members of the Muhlenberg College community and the stability and continuance of College functions.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and the provisions of any other College policy, the provisions of this Policy shall control. Terms used in this Policy shall, as appropriate, have the meanings given to them in the College’s Student Code of Conduct. In addition, this Policy is subject to change at any time.

Enforcement: Any violation of federal, state or local regulations or this Policy, shall be deemed a violation of the College’s Student Code of Conduct. Because violations of this COVID-19 Policy create a significant health and safety risk for our community, alleged violations of this Policy will be adjudicated on an expedited basis. Accordingly, Disciplinary Conferences may take place immediately after a student or student group receives notice of an alleged violation of this Policy and a hearing before a Hearing Board may take place within two (2) days after a student or student group receives notice of an alleged violation of this Policy.

“Stay in Place” Order: In extenuating circumstances, the College could potentially issue a “Stay in Place” order which could be mandated for a variety of reasons, durations of time, and with different restrictions. Details as to what this order will entail will be reflected at the time of notification. If the College issues a “stay in place” order, any student found responsible for

Covid-19 Policy violation(s) and/or disobeying the stay in place order, will be sent home immediately. In addition, the student may face severe consequences under the Student Code of Conduct, including probation, suspension or expulsion and/or the loss of campus access and housing privileges for the Fall 2021 semester.

General Statement of Policy: All students and student groups shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations and with this Policy and all guidelines and directives issued by the College in connection with this Policy.

- 1. Testing.** Students must comply with the College's summer testing strategy which includes pre-arrival testing and symptomatic testing. For the purposes of coordinating compliance with testing requirements, quarantine, isolation, academic and other support, information regarding COVID-19 test appointments and results, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation will be disclosed to the Muhlenberg College COVID-19 Response Team from May 24, 2021 through August 31, 2021.
- 2. COVID-19 Daily Self-Assessment (Symptom Checker App).** Students must comply and cooperate with the College's daily symptom monitoring system. Muhlenberg College provides a platform for students to self-assess for possible COVID-19 symptoms daily. Students must answer questions after which a screen will be displayed with either a green check or red X. The green check signifies permission to access campus buildings and facilities or attend events. The red X prohibits entry of campus buildings and facilities or attendance at events and requires the student to immediately contact Health Services or their health care provider/urgent care if Health Services is closed. Students are required to show proof of a Symptom Checker result when requested by a College official or designee.
- 3. COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Policy.**

Positive COVID-19 Test/Isolation:

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will have an assessment conducted by a contact tracer which will include close contact identification, COVID-19 education, instructions for isolation and referral to campus resources for support. The College will designate the isolation location for students residing in College owned housing. Students may choose to isolate themselves at home. Students who leave their isolation assignment must complete their isolation at their home address on file with the College. Students in isolation may be placed in a housing assignment with another student who has tested positive for COVID-19. During isolation, students are responsible for arranging their own meals. College meal delivery, package delivery, mailroom services, and laundry services will not be provided during isolation.

Students in isolation are required to self-monitor for symptoms and follow their health care provider treatment recommendations. Students with any emergency warning signs (including trouble breathing), must seek emergency medical care immediately by calling Campus Safety at 484-664-3110 (if on campus) or 911 (if off campus or commuter). Students living on campus must notify Health Services at 484-664-3199 after emergency

medical care is received. Note that Health Services has limited clinical hours during the summer. Students are responsible for arranging their own health care when Health Services is closed. Please see [here](#) for information about local urgent care and emergency room locations to access medical services.

COVID-19 positive students will remain in isolation for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms, and must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, and must have an improvement in symptoms. For students who never experienced any symptoms, the isolation period is 10 days from the test date.

COVID-19 Exposure: Quarantine Exemptions

COVID-19 vaccinated students do not need to quarantine following exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 provided they meet ALL the following criteria:

- They are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 2 weeks following receipts of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine);
- The vaccine received is FDA EAU or WHO EUL approved;
- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure; and
- They have provided documentation of vaccination to Muhlenberg College Health Services.

Individuals previously diagnosed with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine following exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 provided they meet ALL the following criteria:

- They have recovered from illness due to laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection and have already met the criteria to end isolation;
- They are within the first 90 days following the onset of symptoms of their initial laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection or within the first 90 days of their first positive COVID-19 test result if they were asymptomatic during initial infection;
- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure; and
- They have provided documentation of positive test results to Muhlenberg College Health Services.

COVID-19 Exposure/Quarantine

Students identified as close contacts to a COVID-19 positive individual will be notified by a contact tracer of exposure, and given COVID-19 education, instructions for quarantine and referral to campus resources for support. The College will designate the quarantine location for students residing in College owned housing. Students may choose to quarantine at home. Students who leave their quarantine assignment must complete their quarantine at their home address on file with the College. During quarantine, students are responsible for arranging their own meals.

NOTE: College meal delivery, package delivery, mailroom services, and laundry services will not be provided during quarantine.

Students in quarantine are required to self-monitor for symptoms. Students with any [emergency warning signs](#) (including trouble breathing), must seek emergency medical care immediately by calling Campus Safety at 484-664-3110 (if on campus) or 911 (if off campus or commuter). Students living on campus must notify Health Services at 484-664-3199 after emergency medical care is received.

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The COVID-19 exposed student will remain in quarantine for 14 days from last suspected exposure to COVID-19 and are required to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test at least 5-7 days after their last suspected COVID-19 exposure.

4. Face Mask/Social Distancing.

Face mask use and social distancing are both essential to keeping community members safe. COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors, among people who are in close contact (within about three to six feet) for more than a few minutes and who are not wearing personal protective equipment, such as face masks.

Outdoors activities and events are preferred over indoor activities and events. Face masks are not required outdoors, but may be worn at the discretion of the individual user. Social distancing of at least three feet is recommended when outdoors.

Indoor activities and events will require strict facemask use and social distancing as below.

Face Mask Requirements

Face masks over the mouth and nose are required by every individual, age two and older, who accesses any indoor College building, facility, or any other indoor area owned, controlled, used or managed by the College, and at all College sponsored indoor activities, on or off-campus.

Face masks are not required when in a student's assigned bedroom/suite/apartment with only designated roommate(s), suitemates, apartment mates while bathing, and when working in a private, single-occupancy room with the door closed (i.e. music room, etc.). Masks must be worn at all times in any indoor space other than a student's assigned bedroom/suite/apartment. This applies to all campus facilities indoors and includes all types of College Housing (traditional residence halls, suites, apartments, houses, fraternity, and sorority houses).

Face masks may be removed for brief periods while actively eating or drinking indoors. Engaging in other socializing behaviors that prolongs the meal time, thereby increasing unmasked time, is not permitted. While eating and drinking, individuals should be stationary and maintain a physical distance of at least three feet from others.

Permitted Face Masks Must:

- Have two or more layers of washable (if the mask is not disposable), breathable fabric;
- Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin;
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; and
- Be secured with ties or ear loops.

NOTE: Neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind ARE NOT acceptable. Neck gaiters may be worn with approval from coaches during specified athletic practices/competitions/summer camps only.

Social Distancing Requirements

The following social distancing requirements must be maintained by every individual who accesses any indoor College building, facility, or any other indoor area owned, controlled, used or managed by the College, and at all College sponsored indoor activities, on or off-campus.

- Remain at least three feet from all individuals.
- Because all academic spaces, meeting rooms, public areas, and dining areas have been reconfigured to allow for appropriate social distancing: do not move furniture that has been arranged to be in compliance with distancing guidelines, and do not remove or alter any social distancing signage or restriction tapings.
- Follow all social distancing signage and procedures for pedestrian traffic flow (e.g., entrances and exits, hallways, aisles, stairwells, etc.).
- Follow all signage and procedures restricting occupancy limits.
- Comply with Indoor On-Campus and Off-Campus Groups or Gatherings.

5. Housing.

- Compliance with Mandated Physical Room Set-Up. If a physical room set-up is established by the College for a student's living space (i.e. location of beds, desks, etc.), the student must maintain the physical room set-up.
- Cleaning and Disinfecting. Students are responsible for providing their own supplies, cleaning their rooms/living spaces, and disinfecting surfaces.
- Compliance with Living Space Restrictions. Students must strictly comply with all restrictions, guidelines and instructions regarding the use and occupancy of their on-campus living space.
- Visitors. Students who have been approved to live in the residence halls during Summer 2021 are permitted to be in 2201 Chew Street Apartments, Robertson, and South Halls. Visitors, including non-residential students, are NOT permitted to be in any College housing.

6. Travel. Students must follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) [guidelines](#) when traveling.

7. Visitors. Visitors are allowed on campus Summer 2021. All visitors shall be subject to the social distancing, face mask and other applicable requirements of this Policy. Visitors, including non-residential students, are NOT permitted to be in any College housing.

8. Outdoor On-Campus and Off-Campus Groups or Gatherings.

- All outdoor events may commence at 100% capacity with 100% seating capacity at tables for all events including those that involve catering.
- Outdoor events are preferred when and where reasonably possible.
- Three feet of distance is recommended.
- It is strongly recommended that the outdoor space utilized is large enough to accommodate 3ft of social distancing between people.
- When a Stay in Place Order is in effect, the provisions of the Stay in Place Order supersedes the above limitations on groups.

9. Indoor On-Campus and Off-Campus Groups or Gatherings.

- Indoor events are permitted with caution and strict adherence to COVID-19 mitigation measures.
- On-campus and indoor groups or gatherings of any kind shall be subject to the social distancing, face mask and other applicable requirements. In addition, students must strictly comply with all restrictions, guidelines and instructions regarding the use and occupancy of College buildings and facilities (i.e. classrooms, lounges, restrooms, dining facilities, etc.).
- 3 feet of distance is required when indoors.
- College facilities and room capacities for indoor events are as follows:
 - Effective June 1st all indoor events may take place at 50% capacity with 50% capacity at all tables.
 - Effective July 1st all indoor events may take place at 75% capacity with 75% capacity at all tables.
 - Effective August 1st all indoor events may take place at 100% capacity with 100% capacity at all tables.
- The Life Sports Center (LSC) will resume normal operations with masking and 3 feet distancing at all times when in the Center. All faculty, staff and students that were permitted access Spring '21 and approved summer students will be welcome to utilize the Life Sports Center. Reservations must be booked to utilize the weight rooms, cardio loft, pool and Memorial Hall through the IMLeagues reservations system found on your OneLogin. Locker rooms are open for use. No guest or family members will be permitted access to the LSC at this time.

10. Student IDs and Access to Campus. Students who are permitted to be on campus must wear/display their student IDs at all times while on campus.

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