

# John Carroll University

## Student COVID-19 Response Policy and Procedures

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It is the responsibility of John Carroll University (JCU) faculty, staff and students to notify and immediately report to either their supervisor and/or Student Health Center in the event that they have been on campus in the last 7 days and have tested positive for, have symptoms of, or are diagnosed by a health care provider with COVID-19, or are aware of a student who has tested positive for, has been diagnosed with and/or is symptomatic.

### I. THE PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY ARE:

1. Safeguard the health and welfare of students, faculty and staff
2. Manage the operations of JCU in an effective and efficient manner
3. Inform and advise the JCU community as needed based on the risk to the community
4. Establish operating procedures appropriate to all constituents of JCU

### II. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the COVID-19 Policy are to:

1. Define the disease
2. Identify reporting requirements
3. Identify health care and testing responses and recommendations for students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
4. Identify individuals and groups with responsibilities should a COVID-19 outbreak occur
5. Provide information about methods of self-protection for members of the campus community

### III. POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

A. Procedures for Up to Date Vaccinated Students (completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna within the past 6 months, or J & J within the past 2 months, and are boosted, OR had COVID -19 within the past 90 days):

1. If an up to date vaccinated student is exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the student should contact the Student Health Center. They should get tested on Day 5 from last exposure. Testing on Day 5 (antigen) can take place at the Student Health Center or any off campus testing facility with results being sent to the Student Health Center. They should wear their mask when not alone and follow the JCU COVID-19 campus policy.
2. If the **student's antigen test is negative**: Continue to follow John Carroll University's existing COVID-19 protocols. Continue to monitor for symptoms and wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days from the date of exposure.

- a. If the **student's antigen test is positive** and they are asymptomatic: Administer a PCR test and student will self-isolate until PCR results are available.
  - b. If the **antigen test is positive and the student is symptomatic**: The student should self-isolate and call the Student Health Center for a COVID-19 PCR test: If the COVID-19 PCR test is positive, isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms. They can return to campus on Day 6 from the first day of COVID symptoms, AND 24 hours w/no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication & other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. Students will need to mask around others for 5 additional days.
  
3. If the up to date **vaccinated student becomes symptomatic, they should self-isolate and call the Student Health Center for a COVID-19 antigen/PCR test**. Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, muscle/body/headaches, fatigue, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, and loss of taste/smell.
  - a. If an antigen test is positive, PCR test immediately for confirmation. Local students (within 1 hour of campus) need to go home to isolate until the PCR results are available. Residential students will be moved to isolation on campus until results are available.
  - b. If the antigen test is negative, PCR test immediately for confirmation and the student may return to campus, continuing to follow John Carroll University's existing COVID-19 protocols regarding mask-wearing.
  - c. If the COVID-19 PCR test is positive, isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms. They can return to campus on Day 6 from the first day of COVID symptoms, AND 24 hours w/no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication & other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. Students will need to mask around others for 5 additional days.
  
4. If the up to date vaccinated student is exposed (<six feet distancing and > than 15 minutes/24 hour period) to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, the student should contact the Student Health Center. They should wear their mask at all times when not alone. They should get tested on Day 5 from exposure. Testing on Day 5 (antigen) can take place at the Student Health Center or any off campus testing facility with results being sent to the Student Health Center. If the student becomes symptomatic before day 5, they should report their findings to the student health center.
  - a. If the Day 5 antigen test is negative: Continue to follow John Carroll University's existing COVID-19 protocols regarding mask-wearing for an additional 5 days and continue to monitor for symptoms.
  - b. If the Day 5 antigen test is positive and the student is asymptomatic: Administer a PCR test and student will self-isolate until PCR results are available.

- c. If the PCR test is negative, continue to follow John Carroll University's existing COVID-19 protocols regarding mask-wearing for an additional 5 days and continue to monitor for symptoms.
- d. If the PCR test is positive, the student will begin isolation for a full 5 days (Day 1= positive antigen test) They can return to campus on Day 6. Students will need to mask around others for 5 additional days and continue to follow the JCU COVID-19 campus protocol.
- e. If the antigen test is positive and the student is symptomatic: The student should self-isolate and call the Student Health Center for a COVID-19 PCR test. If the COVID-19 PCR test is positive, isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms. They can return to campus on Day 6 from the first day of COVID symptoms, AND 24 hours w/no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication & other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. Students will need to mask around others for 5 additional days and continue to follow the JCU COVID-19 campus protocol.

**B. Procedures for Treating Unvaccinated or Not Up To Date Vaccinated Students**  
(completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna > 6months, or J & J > 2 months and are not boosted, or are unvaccinated and have NOT had COVID-19 in the last 90 days):

1. If an unvaccinated or not up to date vaccinated, asymptomatic student is antigen positive for COVID-19 during surveillance testing, the student will immediately have a PCR test and go into isolation until the results are known. If a residential student lives within 250 miles, they will need to isolate at home. If the residential student lives further than 250 miles they will move into campus isolation.
  - a. If the PCR test is negative the student will be released from isolation and can return to campus.
  - b. If the PCR test is positive, the student can return to campus 5 full days (return on day 6) from the first day of COVID symptoms or positive antigen/PCR test, as long as the student has no symptoms or symptoms are resolving (if fever is present, stay home until fever free X 24 hours). Continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days and follow the JCU COVID-19 campus protocols.
2. If an unvaccinated or not up to date vaccinated residential student has signs and symptoms (fever>100.4, cough, aches...) the student should contact the Student Health Center
  - a. The Student will be placed in Isolation for 5 days. If a residential student lives within 250 miles they will need to isolate at home or off campus. If a residential student lives greater than 250 miles, the Student Health Center will contact the Office of Residence Life for on-campus isolation space, if available, for 5 days.
  - b. If a student has COVID signs & symptoms they can return to campus 5 days from the first day of COVID symptoms, AND 24 hours w/no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, & other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. The student must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days and follow the JCU COVID-19 campus

protocols

- c. The student can be COVID-19 tested on Day 5 to document a possible positive COVID-19 case.
3. If an unvaccinated or not up to date vaccinated asymptomatic student is exposed (<six feet distancing and > than 15 minutes/24 hour period) to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the student should contact the Student Health Center. The residential, not up to date student should self-isolate (not go to in person class, the dining hall, rec center, etc. for 5 days.) If they remain asymptomatic, they can obtain an antigen test on Day 5 after last exposure. The residential unvaccinated student will quarantine for 5 days. If they remain asymptomatic, they will obtain an antigen test on Day 5. If the student lives < 250 miles from campus, they must quarantine at home. If they live > than 250 miles, they will be moved into the quarantine area on campus, if space is available.
    1. If a student tests negative and remains symptom free, the student must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days and follow the JCU COVID-19 campus protocol.
    2. If a student tests positive, the student will begin a 5 day isolation period from the time of the positive COVID antigen test or when symptoms began, and follow the JCU COVID-19 campus protocol.
    - a. If they become symptomatic prior to Day 5, the student will contact the StudentHealth Center and begin to isolate and follow the protocol for the symptomatic unvaccinated or not up to date vaccinated student.
  4. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 they will be placed in isolation for 5 days, regardless of their vaccination status. They can return to campus on Day 6 from the first day of COVID symptoms and/or positive COVID-19 test, AND 24 hours w/no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication & other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. Students will need to mask around others for 5 additional days and continue to follow the JCU COVID-19 campus protocol.
    1. Student Health Center staff shall consult (preferably telehealth) with the student suspected of having COVID-19 and determine appropriate medical care based upon symptoms or confirmed diagnosis. Depending on the situation, for student athletes, the team physician may examine the student and determine the appropriate medical care based upon confirmed diagnosis.
    2. If a student has been diagnosed as having COVID-19 by the Student Health Center staff or other medical agency/physician, the Student Health Center will consult with the local health department, as appropriate.

Students who live within 250 miles will need to make arrangements to isolate themselves either at home or at an off-campus location for a minimum of 5 days to prevent spread of the virus.

If the student lives greater than 250 miles, the Student Health Center will contact the Office of Residence Life for on-campus isolation, if available.

If the student is diagnosed with having COVID-19, but is not at the Student Health Center, the student will remain in their space (e.g. residence hall room) and self-isolate until medical arrangements are made by the Student Health Center and Residence Life staff during business hours, or JCUPD and Residence Life staff if the Student Health Center is closed.

3. In the event that a student with COVID-19 must remain on campus and in isolation, the Student Health Center will check-in with the student on a daily basis via telehealth visit, as well as the student, who is quarantined or isolated, will do daily symptom monitoring and report to the Student Health Center. The Student Health Center Director and the Dean of Students (or designee), in consultation with the Director of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs and the Senior Director of Residence Life, shall determine the extent of the involvement of the other major JCU offices in the management of the disease. This decision will be based upon their evaluation of the risk to the JCU community. The Student Health Center and the Dean of Students will maintain confidentiality of the student's name and diagnosis to the extent possible, except as necessary to protect the health and safety of the student and the JCU community. The Student Health Center and the Dean of Students will seek permission from the student to share the student's name and diagnosis with others to conduct necessary contact tracing to help determine possible transmission of the disease. John Carroll offices that could be advised and involved may include: Facilities, Housekeeping, JCU Police, Institutional Advancement/Office of Media Relations, Athletic Department and Athletic Training, and Human Resources. The department heads for each of these offices shall be contacted, when appropriate. These individuals shall implement plans to care for the infected student and to maintain a safe and orderly campus environment. With the student's permission, the Student Health Center will also notify Academic Success regarding missing class as related to the COVID-19 event.

a) The Senior Director of Residence Life shall notify all appropriate parties within Residence Life of the location in which the student is convalescing.

Residence Life shall advise its staff of procedures to be used in communication with the infected student and in serving the residential needs of the infected student with the assistance of the Student Health Center. The staff in the Office of Residence Life will coordinate with Parkhurst Dining to provide meals to students in quarantine or isolation.

b) Custodial Services, in collaboration with the Director of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, shall arrange for routine and special custodial services for the area in which the student is convalescing. Custodial Services shall be responsible for informing all housekeeping staff who are assigned to the isolation area of the COVID-19 diagnosis and mode of transmission of the disease. The Housekeeping Department shall inform the custodial staff of the recommended methods of self-protection that should be used in carrying out routine and special custodial service.

c) The Director of Physical Plant, in collaboration with the Director of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, shall inform maintenance and trades persons who are assigned, or may be assigned, to the area in which the infected person is convalescing, of the recommended methods of self-protection that should be followed if maintenance and trades persons come into contact with the infected person.

d) The Director of JCUPD, in collaboration with the Student Health Center Director, shall inform the JCUPD officers and JCU EMS that a person with COVID-19 is convalescing on campus. The director shall provide the officers with information about the disease, the location where the student is convalescing, and the recommended methods of self-protection should the officers come into contact with the infected person

e) Under the direction of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH), the Student Health Center shall notify and inform the appropriate individuals who may have had contact with the infected individual. In collaboration and under the direction of the Board of Health, the Student Health Center will assist with contact tracing on campus.

4. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, prior to returning to campus classes and activities, the student with COVID-19 who has stayed in the residence hall or at their permanent address (home isolated) can stop home isolation and return to campus activities the student can leave their residence hall or home if:

- a. The student has had no fever for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers).
- b. The student's other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved).

c. At least 5 full days have passed since the student's symptoms first appeared or positive COVID-19 test, whichever came first.(Return on Day 6)

d. Adheres to resuming all activities with others wearing a mask for the next 5 days.

5. If there is an on-campus outbreak in a residence hall, the Director of the Student Health Center, will notify the COVID-19 Task Force to determine next steps (i.e. campus closing).

### C. Procedures for Treating Students with COVID-19 Who Reside Off-campus

1. Student Health Center staff shall consult (preferably telehealth) with a student suspected of having COVID-19 and determine appropriate medical care based upon confirmed diagnosis. For student athletes, depending on the situation, the team physician may examine the student and determine the appropriate medical care based upon confirmed diagnosis.

2. If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19 by the Student Health Center staff or other medical physician or agency, the preferred practice shall be to send the student to their permanent residence where care can be provided and where exposure to other students is reduced.

3. In the event that a student with COVID-19 must remain off campus and in isolation, the Student Health Center Director or their designee, in consultation with the Dean of Students, the Director of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, and the Senior Director of Residence Life shall determine the extent of involvement of other university offices in the management of the disease. This includes evaluation of the risk to the JCU community. John Carroll offices may include: JCUPD, Media Relations, Athletic Department and Athletic Training, and Human Resources. The department heads for these offices shall implement plans to care for the infected student, to determine the risk of exposure or spread of the disease, and to maintain a safe and orderly campus environment. In the event that a diagnosis is made over the weekend involving a student, the Dean of Students shall determine when the other major offices shall be notified. The Student Health Center and the Dean of Students will maintain confidentiality of the student's name and diagnosis to the extent possible, except as necessary to protect the health and safety of the student and the JCU community. The Student Health Center and the Dean of Students will seek permission from the student to share the student's name and diagnosis with others to conduct necessary contact tracing to help determine possible transmission of the disease.

a) Under the direction of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH), the Student Health Center and the contact tracing team shall notify and inform the appropriate individuals who may have had contact with the infected individual.

b) With permission, the Student Health Center (or Dean of students) will contact Academic Success regarding missing class as related to the COVID-19 event.

4. Prior to returning to the campus activity, students with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) at either their off-campus residence or their permanent residence can stop home isolation the student can leave home and return to campus activities if:

- a. The student has had no fever for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers).
- b. The student's other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved).
- c. At least 5 days have passed since their positive test and/or symptoms first appeared (return on Day 6)

D. Procedures for managing an outbreak among Students in University-Sponsored Activities:

1. Responsible adults working with participants enrolled in University-sponsored activities shall contact the Director of Student Health Center or Human Resources when the occurrence of a COVID-19 diagnosis has been confirmed.

2. The Director of the Student Health Center shall consult with the Dean of Students and to determine the extent of the involvement of other university offices in the management of the COVID-19 disease. This decision will be based upon the Medical Director's (CCBH) evaluation of the risk to the campus community. University offices may include: Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, Residence Life, Facilities, Housekeeping, JCUPD, Media Relations, Department of Athletics and Athletic Training, and Human Resources. The department heads for these offices shall implement plans to maintain a healthy, safe and orderly campus environment.

3. Prior to returning to the campus activity, students with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) can stop home isolation the student can leave home if:

- a. The student has had no fever for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers).
- b. The student's other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved).
- c. At least 5 days have passed since their positive test and/or symptoms first appeared (return on Day 6).

## V. DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions pertain to this policy:

1. Communicable disease-COVID-19 is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a common cause of the common cold. COVID-19 is a novel (newly



discovered virus). COVID-19 is mostly spread through person-to-person close contact (within about 6 feet). Small droplets from coughing and sneezing can enter the mouth and lungs of those nearby.

2. Communicable Period – The communicable period is that period of time or times during which the infectious agent may be transferred directly or indirectly from an infected person to another person. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Typical COVID-19 symptoms include: 1) fever, cough, or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, or new loss of taste or smell.

## VI. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. It is the responsibility of all affected students to report a positive test for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 diagnosis from a health care provider to the Student Health Center Director. The Student Health Center Director shall notify the Vice President for Student Affairs who shall in turn notify the President when a student's diagnosis of COVID-19 threatens the JCU community.

2. It is the responsibility of certified and licensed public health officials (CCBH), external to the university, to provide a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis to the appropriate JCU office when a JCU student is known to have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19. It is the responsibility of the Student Health Center to report a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis to the appropriate public health agencies in accordance with the State of Ohio health laws.

3. The responsibility for coordination of the implementation of the COVID-19 policy shall be shared among the following groups and all groups should work in concert with each other: Student Health Center, Dean of Students Office, Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, Human Resources, Residence Life, Housekeeping, JCUPD, Strategic Communications, Facilities, and Department of Athletics and Athletic Training.

4. When deemed appropriate by the Provost in conjunction with General Counsel, it is the responsibility of Strategic Communications to publicly announce that an outbreak of a communicable disease has been confirmed, and to state the related facts that serve to inform and protect the university community.

5. The CCBH notifies 911 dispatch centers of who has diagnosed/tested positive for COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions, so first responders will be aware. The JCUPD policy and practice is to notify Heights Hillcrest Dispatch of this, as well as anyone who they call about having COVID-19 symptoms. Also, to avoid exposure for JCU EMS, the JCUPD practice will be to call UHFD with any medical call possibly related to COVID-19 unless emergency care is needed.