



Villa Maria College Covid-19 Policy for Spring 2021

Effective: January 3, 2022, Updated: May 20, 2022

Masks

Wearing a mask on campus is optional for students, employees, and guests. The College strongly encourages people who are not vaccinated and/or boosted to wear a mask on campus and get vaccinated and/or boosted.

Social Distancing

The College strongly recommends everyone maintain at least 3 feet of social distancing while on campus per the CDC's recommendation, and up to 6 feet if possible. Maintaining social distancing is the responsibility of individuals on campus. Please use discretion with your actions and show mutual respect for people who desire more space in public settings.

Vaccination

The College does not require individuals to be vaccinated against Covid-19, but strongly recommends vaccination and boosters to those who are able to receive them. Vaccination helps to protect the greatest number of individuals on campus and is the best path for the College to maintain full campus function. The College strongly recommends that everyone get vaccinated and boosted. Please note that vaccinated and boosted individuals will have more flexibility to remain on campus if they are exposed to Covid-19.

The College asks that all vaccinated members of the campus community disclose their status to the contact tracing team. This information will greatly enhance the team's ability to monitor Covid-19 on campus and to help keep the campus safe. The information is held in a secure database and is not shared. Villa community members, including faculty, staff, and students, can show and/or submit proof of vaccination to the College, in the following ways:

- Submit a picture of your vaccination card through this secure website:
<https://www.villa.edu/vaccine>
- Show your vaccination card or Excelsior Pass to:
 - Main Building - Reception desk - Lisa Kraska, Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs
 - The Business Office
 - Felician Hall - Joanne Nowak, Administrative Assistant to the VP for Enrollment and Operations.

Vaccination – Athletics

The College requires that student-athletes are vaccinated, and strongly encourages boosters once eligible. Athletics is an extra-curricular activity that involves close physical contact in a variety of settings. Vaccination helps to keep athletes and staff safe and minimizes the risk of missed class time.

Health Screening

Individuals who are feeling sick or who are positive for Covid-19 should complete the health screening form on-line. This form should be completed on-line before entering a campus building and can be accessed here: <https://www.villa.edu/screening/>

Quarantine & Isolation Procedures

The following quarantine and isolation policies are in place for all individuals at the college:

- Isolation after a positive test:
 - Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, will be asked to isolate themselves for a minimum of 5 days. Individuals can end their isolation after 5 days and return to the college on day 6 if they are asymptomatic at that time and have been in communication with a college contact tracer. These individuals should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional 5 days.
 - o Individuals should complete the health screening form to notify the college that they have tested positive, found here: <https://www.villa.edu/screening/>
- Quarantine after exposure: <https://www.villa.edu/screening/>
 - o Individuals who are not vaccinated OR who are not fully vaccinated OR who are eligible for a booster but have not yet received one will be asked to quarantine for a minimum of 5 days. Individuals can end their quarantine after 5 days and return to the college on day 6 provided symptoms do not appear. These individuals should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional five days. It is also recommended that the individual tests on day 5 after exposure.
 - If the individual begins to develop symptoms, they should stay home and complete the health screening form, found here: <https://www.villa.edu/screening/>
 - o Individuals who are vaccinated and eligible for a booster but have not yet received one will be asked to quarantine for a minimum of 5 days but will be allowed to attend their classes and work as long as they have no symptoms. While on campus, these individuals should only go to their classes/work environment and leave campus once they are done with those. These individuals are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities while on campus, should remain socially distant from all other individuals on campus, wear a mask at all times, and limit their time on campus to just education and work. Individuals can end their quarantine after 5 days and return to the college on day 6 provided symptoms do not appear. These individuals should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional five days. It is also recommended that the individual tests on day 5 after exposure.
 - o Individuals who are fully vaccinated and boosted (if they are eligible) are not required to quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days. It is also recommended that the individual tests on day 5 after exposure.
<https://www.villa.edu/screening/>

If an individual begins to develop symptoms, they should stay home and complete the health screening form, found here: <https://www.villa.edu/screening/>

These scenarios, outlined above, are Villa Maria College specific. If you are vaccinated and boosted (if eligible), your information will not be passed along to the Erie County Department of Health for additional contact tracing unless you have received a positive test result.

- The NYS Department of Health Policy regarding Isolation and Quarantine procedures, effective January 4, 2022 can be found here: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys_updated_isolation_quarantine_guidance_01042022.pdf
- The CDC policy regarding isolation and quarantine procedures, effective December 27, 2021, can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>

Employee Work from Home Policy

Please follow this link to read the Villa Maria College Work From Home Policy: [Employee Work From Home Policy.docx](#)

Other Important Information

Anyone can report an issue related to Covid-19 compliance anonymously on-line at this site: <https://www.villa.edu/campus-life/campus-security/anonymous-reporting/>

Future Changes

The College continuously reviews guidance from local and state agencies to inform policy decisions, and certain policy is expected to change over time. Please visit www.villa.edu/coronavirus for the latest updates.