



COVID Guidelines for 2022-2023

What you can expect

Discontinued Measure:	Current Measure for Fall 2022:
Return-to-campus testing	There is no return testing or mask mandate. Students are strongly encouraged to test before coming to campus to help prevent exposing our community to positive cases. Students should also bring a personal supply of rapid test kits and KN95 masks.
Website posting of weekly COVID-19 dashboard results	Continued surveillance of self-reports on campus and adjustment of campus protocols when and if necessary.
Isolation housing for residential students	Students are expected to have an isolation plan. No on-campus isolation housing will be available nor will students be allowed to isolate in place.
On-campus surveillance testing	Symptomatic students should contact Health Services through the Patient Portal for testing, and symptomatic faculty and staff members should reach out to their primary care provider.

Winthrop will continue to monitor viral conditions in the surrounding community and will be ready to adapt protocols if needed. We will continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ([SCDHEC](#)).

Address the elephant in the room: Have you had the COVID talk?

Coming up with a COVID-19 plan in consultation with your roommates is among the most important topics to cover on Day 1. The truth is that you or someone around you will likely test positive for COVID-19 at some point this semester, so make sure you have a plan for how to move forward. If you do test positive, you must report your positive test to Health Services through the [Patient Portal](#) where you will receive instructions for quarantine and isolation as well as documentation that you can choose to share with your faculty for medical related absence.

Residential Students: If you are exposed to or develop COVID-19 this fall, **make it your priority to leave campus for five days.** Determine whether you will return home, stay with friends or family, or rent a space off-campus. **Students in isolation for COVID-19 may not attend class, academic meetings or socialize on campus.**

If students living on campus have exhausted all options to leave campus you must discuss this with Health Services and Residence Life. No dedicated isolation or quarantine spaces are currently available on campus.

Off-Campus Students: Work with your roommates to make sure you have an isolation-in-place plan that works for everyone.

Prepare for COVID-19 with your roommates

- **Talk about how you will isolate-in-place.** Uninfected roommates may need to move into a common space, so that the roommate with COVID-19 can isolate in a room alone.
- **Plan for how shared bathrooms will be cleaned** between uses.
- **Discuss that shared areas** will not be occupied by any roommates with COVID-19 during their isolation period.
- Plan for roommates who have COVID-19 to **isolate together**, away from roommates who have not tested positive.
- **Plan** with your roommates or other friends **for how you will get meals, go to the pharmacy or get any supplies** if you are in isolation or quarantine. Students in isolation or quarantine may briefly leave their residence while wearing a KN95 mask and observing social distancing to pick up meals or other necessities.
- **KN95 masks** are **available** for pick-up from the following campus locations during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday).
 - Residence Hall front desks
 - DiGiorgio Campus Center Information Desk
 - Dacus Library

Compliance

Failure to adhere to the above-mentioned guidelines or to comply with a Winthrop University faculty/staff member acting in their official capacity to enforce the abovementioned guidelines could result in disciplinary action via the student conduct system. Conduct sanctions for violations of these guidelines include but are not limited to:

- Written reprimand/warning letter that becomes part of the educational record and considered a first offense if further violations occur
- Educational sanctions (reflection papers, projects, guided conversations, etc.)
- Monetary fines
- Temporary or permanent restrictions from campus recreational (DIGS, West Center) and academic facilities (Dacus Library, academic classrooms)
- Temporary or permanent removal from University Dining and Housing facilities. A removal from housing and termination of the Residence Hall Contract does not warrant the University to issue a refund for housing or any associated fees
- Temporary removal (suspension) from Winthrop University. Suspended students are not allowed on campus without prior approval from the Dean of Students Office
- Permanent removal (expulsion) from Winthrop University. Expelled students are not allowed on campus without prior approval from the Dean of Students Office