

## SPELMAN FALL 2022 COVID-19 UPDATES

### Masking

Masking is required when indoors (except in residential rooms, personal offices when you are the only individual in the office, or when actively eating or drinking). Outdoor masking is optional.

Acceptable masks include surgical, N95/KN95, or cloth masks made with multi-layered fabric. Masking recommendations are subject to change and may be adjusted based on levels of community transmission.

### COVID-19 Testing

The updated testing cadence is as follows:

***Random Community Testing (every other week, twice a month)***: randomly selected vaccinated and unvaccinated community members (students, faculty, and staff) who are selected to participate in the community testing will receive an email notification with specific testing information. This randomized testing occurs in the BDT Suites Private Dining Room.

If you are selected to participate, you will receive your PCR test results via email from Morehouse School of Medicine Care Evolve 48 to 72 hours after completing your testing appointment. You will also receive an at-home rapid self-test kit to use within 24 hours.

**We will no longer require unvaccinated community members to perform mandatory weekly self-tests.** We ask that all community members be personally responsible by self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, not coming to campus if symptomatic or COVID-19 positive and self-testing with an at-home rapid test should the need arise. **At-home rapid self-tests are available in the BDT Suites Private Dining Room, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.**

### COVID-19 Isolation Guidance

**Isolation pertains to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status.** The length of isolation is determined by the first date of symptoms or date of the positive test. Individuals who test positive must:

- Isolate for a minimum of five (5) days.
- If fever free and symptoms have improved, take a rapid antigen COVID test on day six (6).
- If test results are negative, submit proof of negative results. Students should send the results to Student Health Services and Faculty & Staff to Yemi Brown, PharmD.
- If test results are positive, continue to isolate for 10 days or until a negative COVID test result is received, at which time submit proof of negative COVID test result.
- Wear a KN95 mask when around others for 10 days

## **COVID-19 Isolation Guidance for students who test positive**

Commuter students must isolate off campus. Residential students must adhere to the following:

- Temporarily isolate in designated isolation housing. Due to limited isolation spaces, double occupancy units may be utilized.
- Isolate at home if permanent residence is within a 100-mile radius of the College.
- When isolation housing is full, the student will be asked to isolate off-campus.

**A member of the Student Health Services staff will monitor students while they are in isolation. All students must be cleared by Student Health Services before they can return to normal campus activities.**

## **COVID-19 Exposure Guidance**

If you were exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 or have been told by a healthcare provider or public health official that you were in [close physical contact](#) with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, here are the steps you should take regardless of your vaccination status:

- Do not need to quarantine and may continue normal activity if COVID-19 negative.
- You must wear a KN95 mask for ten (10) days from the date of exposure.
- You must take a rapid antigen COVID test on day one (1) and day five (5) following your exposure. You may pick up a supply of rapid at-home self-test kits in the BDT Suites Private Dining Room (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).
- If you test positive or experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you must follow the isolation protocol.

## **Student Academic Support**

The College is committed to providing support to all students, particularly those absent from in-person classes due to COVID-19. Students should be aware of the following:

- COVID-19 related absences fall under the College's excused absence policy.
- Upon entry into isolation protocol an academic liaison will notify the respective instructors of the student's absence from in-person classes.
- It is the student's responsibility to contact their professors or academic advisor for extra assistance upon return to class.
- Before exiting isolation, students will receive notification from Student Health Services when they are cleared to return to in-person classes and resume regular activities.

## **Faculty and Staff Support**

Faculty and staff who are absent from work due to COVID-19 must adhere to the health and safety guidance. If positive or experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

- Stay home, follow the isolation protocol and consult with your medical care provider when needed.

- Notify your department chair (faculty) or supervisor (staff) of your absence.
- Self-report your positive test to Yemi Brown PharmD, COVID-19 Operations Manager by sending notification to [ibiyemibrown@spelman.edu](mailto:ibiyemibrown@spelman.edu)
- Return to campus after completing the isolation protocol and receiving the required negative rapid antigen COVID test.

### **Contact Tracing**

Contact tracing is the process of locating close contacts of those infected with the COVID-19 virus and informing the contact they may have been exposed to the virus. Upon identification of an infected community member, the COVID-19 operations team will attempt to contact the individual to help slow the spread of the virus. Discussions with contact tracers are confidential. This means personal and medical information will be kept private.

### **Visitor Access Guidance**

We encourage visitors to use the [CDC COVID-19 Community Indicator](#) to check community COVID-19 levels: FULTON COUNTY, GA

When COVID-19 community transmission is **HIGH**, visitors will be advised to take a rapid COVID test and complete a [Visitor COVID-19 Attestation Form](#) prior to arriving on campus.

**Visitors will not be required to submit results but attest that they will adhere to the prearrival testing precaution and masking advisory.**

Students, faculty and staff of AUC institutions are not considered visitors and may access the campus with proper identification.

### **Health & Safety Resources**

The campus COVID-19 Health & Safety Site is available to all students, faculty and staff to access protective KN95 masks, disinfecting hand sanitizers, COVID-19 random testing (only if selected), and a supply of rapid self-tests if needed.

***Location: Beverly Daniel Tatum (BDT) Private Dining Room. Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

Students: Student Health Services: 404-270-5249, AUCC Student Health & Wellness Center: 404-756-1241

Employees: COVID-19 Operations: 404-270-5407

Spelman Public Safety: 404-525-6401

Medical or Life Threatening Emergencies: Dial 911