

SPELMAN SPRING 2023 HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID-19 UPDATES

MASKING

The indoor masking advisory will continue through January 31, 2023. More information from the College will be forthcoming.

PREVENTATIVE CARE

For the spring semester, the College will provide free access to masks, hand sanitizers and COVID-19 self-test kits to any student, faculty, or staff.

Please note that the COVID nurse station in the Beverly D Tatum Private Dining Room has permanently closed.

To pick up a free wellness kit distribution for your preventative care, contact the COVID-19 Operations Team below, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Students:

Kita Hardy (COVID-19 Student Support)

Email: kitahardy@spelman.edu Phone: 404-734-3768

Faculty & Staff:

Tonya Love (COVID-19 Coordinator)

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Yemi Brown, PharmD (COVID-19 Operations Manager)

Email: ibiyemibrown@spelman.edu Phone: 404-270-5407

COMMUNITY TESTING (for students only)

COVID-19 community testing *for randomly selected students only* will occur twice a month as determined by the AUCC (Atlanta University Center Consortium) Epidemiologist during the first half of the spring semester and will be slowly phased out. Students selected to participate will receive an email notification with specific testing location and instructions. Selected students are exempt from random testing if they are under isolation protocol or are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

COVID-19 ISOLATION PROTOCOL

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 for at least 24 hours and symptoms have improved, take a rapid antigen COVID-19 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 rapid antigen COVID-19 test result is received. Submit proof of negative test results as noted above.
- Wear a KN95 mask when around others for 10 days.
- **Students are encouraged to have conversations with their parents and roommates to discuss a plan in the event of a positive COVID-19 test.**

COVID-19 ISOLATION GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE

Students who test positive must notify Student Health Services at 404-270-5249. 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.

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

- Isolate at home if permanent residence is within a 100-mile radius of the College.
- Temporarily isolate in designated isolation housing if permanent residence exceeds a 100-mile radius of the College. Due to limited isolation spaces, double occupancy units may be utilized.
- When isolation housing is full or unavailable, the student will be asked to isolate off-campus or follow an isolation in place protocol.
- When following an isolation in place protocol, a student must adhere to instructions provided by Student Health Services and must not leave their room except for meal retrieval, cases of emergency or an essential need.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE GUIDANCE

If you were exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19, here are the steps you should take regardless of your vaccination status:

- Take a rapid antigen COVID-19 test on day one (1) and day five (5) following your exposure.

- If you test positive or experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you must follow the isolation protocol.
- Continue normal activity if COVID-19 negative.
- Wear a KN95 mask for ten (10) days from the date of exposure.
- If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 exposure contact COVID-19 Operations at 404-270-5407.

ROOMMATE EXPOSURE GUIDANCE

In addition to following the exposure guidance above, if your roommate tests positive for COVID-19 and is under an isolation in place protocol, here are the steps you should take:

- Wear a KN95 mask when in your room except while eating, sleeping or in the shower.
- Use hand sanitizer often.
- Wipe down your personal space as often as possible.
- Avoid sharing household items such as dishes, cups, and utensils.
- Do not invite visitors in your room until your roommate has ended isolation in place.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and contact Student Health Services if you test positive or experience COVID-19 symptoms.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The College is committed to providing support to all students 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.
- When a student tests positive, it is the student's responsibility to contact Student Health Services and follow the isolation protocol in order to receive an excused absence.
- Upon entry into isolation an academic liaison will notify the respective instructors of the student's excused 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.
- Students will receive notification from Student Health Services when they are cleared to return to in-person classes and resume regular activities.

FACULTY & STAFF SUPPORT

Faculty and staff who are absent from work due to COVID-19 should be aware of the following:

- 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
- Return to campus after completing the isolation protocol and receiving a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test.

VISITOR GUIDANCE

The campus is open to visitors. **There are no vaccination or testing requirement for visitors.** We encourage everyone to use the [CDC COVID-19 Community Indicator](#) to check COVID-19 levels in FULTON COUNTY, GA and to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves.