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Introduction

Greetings, Wentworth Community,

I am pleased to share with you Wentworth’s Summer 2021 COVID-19 Campus Plan (the plan) that outlines our policies and procedures for maintaining the health and well-being of members of the Wentworth community.

The Summer 2021 COVID-19 Campus Plan document is based on the campus plan documents developed for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. This plan has been updated to reflect current policies, procedures, and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston Public Health Commission, and other public health guidance. The Summer 2021 plan accounts for the availability of vaccines, which eases some of the concerns about transmission of the virus within the Wentworth community and our campus setting.

Wentworth has had a very successful 2020-21 academic year that allowed our students to succeed in both in-person and virtual learning environments because of the many important public health measures that were put into place including mask wearing, hand washing, physical distancing, symptom monitoring, COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation protocols. All of these important safety measures combined with the community’s unwavering commitment to practicing good public health throughout contributed to Wentworth’s success in completing two successful semesters this past fall and spring.

As we begin the Summer 2021 semester, Wentworth is committed to continuing all of the above-stated public health measures to mitigate the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 in our community. Our plan is centered on safety and well-being. It aligns with Massachusetts’ guidelines for all colleges and universities and benefits from robust collaboration with the Massachusetts higher education system, public agencies, City of Boston departments, and the Colleges of the Fenway.

The environment that we are operating in will continue to fluctuate, and there is continued uncertainty. We anticipate that city, state, and federal requirements and guidelines will continue to shift throughout 2021. We will be prepared to adapt as needed, evolve the plan to respond, and update you on these changes.

I am grateful to the Wentworth community for your patience, commitment, and perseverance as we have successfully navigated this unprecedented and world-changing academic year.

We are a resilient community that rises to meet the challenges we face together. In reviewing this plan, please contact the COVID-19 Team with any questions you may have at C19Team@wit.edu.

Respectfully yours,

Mark A. Thompson, PhD
President
Expectations for Ourselves and Our Community

Social Solidarity
We are committed to providing our students with the highest quality experience possible and to safeguarding the health and safety of everyone in the Wentworth community and beyond.

Social solidarity is our defining and driving value to ensure our continued success. Our health, wellness, and safety are interdependent; we must strictly follow and promote adherence to all policies, procedures, guidelines, and measures established by Wentworth and the city, state, and federal government to protect our public health.

Commitment to Our Neighboring Communities
The University and its members have worked to safeguard the health of our neighboring communities, especially during this public health crisis. Our commitment to social solidarity and the risk mitigation practices that we follow on campus should also be observed while living, visiting, or frequenting businesses in the communities that surround Wentworth. The University is dedicated to being a strong partner and supporter of our neighbors. Any complaints forwarded to the University regarding behaviors or gatherings considered disruptive, a risk to public health, and/or a violation of city, state, and federal requirements, orders, mandates, guidelines and/or laws will be reviewed and addressed swiftly.

Accountability
Students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and visitors occupying campus must comply fully with the policies and procedures, protocols, and guidelines set forth in this document, as well as any specialized and/or ongoing COVID-19 guidance from the University.

If you observe others not following these policies or procedures, it is important that you appropriately remind them of their responsibility to promote strong public health practices. If a member of our community’s non-compliance with policies and guidelines persists, you may report it through the COVID-19 Non-Compliance Reporting Form.

Immediate Threats to Health and Safety
If you believe that a member of our community’s non-compliance with policies and guidelines poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of individuals on campus, please contact the Office of Public Safety utilizing the emergency phone number 617-989-4444 or by the Blue Light Emergency Call Boxes located across the campus. Non-emergency related inquiries can be addressed by contacting 617-989-4400.

Retaliation
Anyone who reports a member of our community’s non-compliance is protected against retaliation, and concerns about retaliation should be reported to the Dean of Students Office or Human Resources.
Right to Modify
Given fluctuating circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wentworth will modify this plan document when necessary, to comply with the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state and local health departments, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, as well as orders and guidance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston.
Public Health Policies and Guidance

Policy on Physical Distancing Requirements

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, 2020) has found that “in addition to everyday steps to prevent COVID-19, keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to this virus and slowing its spread locally and across the country and world.” CDC guidance provides that “limiting close face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Social distancing, also called physical distancing, means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people. To practice social or physical distancing, you should stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people indoors and outdoors. (“Social or Physical Distancing”).

Therefore, all faculty, staff, students, contractors, visitors, and others must adhere to physical distancing requirements while on campus and, to limit the risk to the Wentworth community, while away from campus. Physical distancing of at least six feet distance between other individuals should be maintained whenever possible. Interactions that cannot be conducted while maintaining six feet of distance should be limited to less than 15 minutes and/or should include face coverings at a minimum.

Exceptions include roommates and suitemates who are considered a “family unit.” However, students are encouraged to physically distance as much as possible in these spaces as a public health best practice.

Meetings and Events

Convening in groups increases the risk of viral transmission. To the extent possible, meetings and events should be held in whole or in part using available collaboration tools such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Skype, telephone, etc. In-person gatherings are limited to the restrictions of city, state, and federal guidelines. For higher education institutions, the state requires varying limitations for gatherings depending on location and the purpose for the use of the space. Wentworth adheres to public health guidance on gathering limits issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the City of Boston.

Whenever a meeting or event occurs, attendees should follow visual cue marks in rooms to support physical distancing of at least six feet between attendees. All attendees must wear a face covering while sharing space in a common room.

Food and Beverages at In-Person Meetings and Events

To help minimize the spread of COVID-19, food and beverages are not permitted to be catered, served, or consumed during in-person meetings and/or events. A person who may need a drink of water may leave a classroom, studio, lab, or other space to hydrate and then return where they had been previously.

For more information about technology available to support communication, virtual meetings, and events, please see: Technology Services and Support.
Policy on Face Coverings and Personal Protective Equipment

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Individuals can spread the COVID-19 virus to others even if they do not feel sick.

It is important to wear a face covering correctly and consistently to help keep from getting or spreading the virus. When selecting a face covering, there are many choices and some work better to help stop the spread of COVID-19 outside of healthcare settings. The CDC recommends masks that have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric with a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out the top of the mask and masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face). The CDC does not recommend face masks made of fabric making it hard to breathe (e.g., vinyl), masks with exhalation valves or vents, or mask prioritized for healthcare workers such as N95 masks. CDC Mask Advice.

Face coverings must be worn by all students, faculty, staff, contractors, visitors, and other members of our community in all public spaces including, but not limited to, classrooms, labs, studios, shops, hallways, cafeterias, single and shared office spaces, reception areas, sidewalks, pathways, and any time people are in a shared space. The face covering is not a substitute for physical distancing. Both measures should be employed.

Limited exceptions to the use of face coverings include inside residence hall bedrooms and suites (however, wearing of a face covering in these spaces is highly recommended as a public health best practice), while showering, eating, participating in virtual meetings and calls in a single office space, and during approved athletic activities. Students, faculty, staff, contractors, visitors, and other members of our community are expected to provide their own face covering.

As the CDC, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and City of Boston begin to ease restrictions on face coverings, Wentworth will review the new guidance, determine any appropriate adjustment to these policies, and communicate any changes.

The University will provide specialized face coverings or other personal protective equipment (PPE) in certain campus settings as appropriate due to health and safety precautions such as in our laboratories and studios. If you are required to wear protective goggles or face shields as part of your employment or while in class, you will be notified by your supervisor or faculty member and will be provided with this equipment. Disposable face coverings will be provided by the University as needed.

Policy on Handwashing and Hygiene

CDC guidance states that basic, everyday personal hygiene can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, all faculty, staff, students, contractors, visitors, and other members of our community are expected to follow these guidelines to every extent possible. These guidelines include washing your hands frequently and thoroughly (for 20 seconds), using hand sanitizers (with at least 60% alcohol) when
soap and water are not readily available, avoiding touching your face, and covering your cough or sneeze with a flexed elbow or a tissue.

Screening Protocol and CoVerified App

Wentworth is using the CoVerified app as its digital application for symptom monitoring and other COVID-19 functionality. Students, faculty, staff, independent contractors, and vendors are required to respond to questions about their symptoms daily through the CoVerified app. Individuals can either download the CoVerified app to their mobile device or provide this information via the CoVerified website.

Students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and approved visitors living on or coming to campus must conduct symptom monitoring using the CoVerified app prior to leaving the residence hall or arrival to campus each day. As part of completing the COVID-19 symptoms pre-screening process, students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and approved visitors living on or coming to campus must also check themselves for an elevated body temperature signaling a fever. All members of the community, including residential students, should acquire their own thermometers for their daily individual use; thermometers should not be shared.

CoVerified will automatically analyze the responses provided and will either give approval to enter campus/leave an assigned residential space or will restrict the user from campus. Students, faculty, staff, independent contractors, and vendors who are restricted for positive symptom reports should follow the guidance below. In the event an individual enters a positive symptom by mistake, please contact the COVID-19 Team (phone: 617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) to clear the erroneously reported symptom and to remove the restricted status from CoVerified.

Students in Residence Halls
Students living on campus must conduct symptom monitoring and exposure screening through CoVerified each day before they leave their residence hall. If a student reports any of the symptoms listed on the CDC website or reports that they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they should not leave their residence hall bedroom, call the COVID-19 Team (617-989-4019), and follow instructions, which may include entering into designated quarantine space until they have received a negative test result or otherwise have been cleared to return by a medical professional and the COVID-19 Team. Students receiving a positive test will enter Wentworth’s isolation protocol. Students exhibiting symptoms need to contact Optum Student Health Services (617-879-5220) or their primary care provider for medical advice.

Off-Campus/Commuter Students
Students coming to campus from their off-campus apartment or home to attend classes, studios, or labs must conduct symptom monitoring each day through the CoVerified app before coming to campus. If a student reports any of the symptoms listed on the CDC website or reports that they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they should not come to campus and are directed to contact Optum Student Health Services (617-879-5220) or their primary care provider for medical consultation and to receive information about COVID-19 testing in their area. Students exhibiting symptoms should remain off campus until they are symptom free and have been cleared to return by
their medical professional and the COVID-19 Team. Students receiving a positive test result will need to enter Wentworth’s isolation protocol.

**Faculty, Staff, Contractors, and Vendors**

Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who are coming to the campus for in-person work must conduct symptom monitoring each day through the CoVerified app before reporting to work on campus.

If you have any of the [symptoms](#) listed on the CDC website, or report that you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, do not report to work. As soon as you are able, you must contact your primary care provider for medical advice, notify your supervisor, and call Wentworth’s COVID-19 Information phone line at 617-989-4019.

If you develop these symptoms while at work, you must contact your supervisor immediately, and leave the worksite. If you are unable to leave campus on your own, contact the COVID-19 Team (phone: 617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) for access to the campus isolation space and, if needed, assistance getting off campus. As soon as you are able, you must contact your primary care provider for medical advice and call Wentworth’s COVID-19 Information phone line at 617-989-4019.

Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors should remain off campus until they are symptom free and have been cleared to return by their medical professional and the COVID-19 Team. Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors receiving a positive test result will need to enter Wentworth’s isolation protocol.

**Exposure to an Individual Who Tested Positive**

Faculty, staff, students, and vendors who live with or have been notified that they have been in close contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19 should not come to campus. They must notify the COVID-19 Team (phone: 617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu), contact their health care provider (students can contact Optum Student Health Clinic), and enter the quarantine protocol.

Anyone who is identified as a close contact and who has been directed to obtain a COVID-19 test should not test in the Testing Hub. Close contacts who are directed to or need to test on campus, should contact the COVID-19 Team to schedule a COVID-19 test.

**Policy on Vaccines**

For the Summer 2021 semester, Wentworth is strongly encouraging students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors to be vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as they can to help protect the health and safety of our entire university and the community that surrounds us, particularly those among us at increased risk for severe illness from the virus. The vaccinations are effective and the best way for us to ensure that we can create the most engaging and rewarding experience for everyone. A vaccinated university community will help prevent severe infections and long-term adverse health effects of COVID-19, reduce transmission of COVID-19 at the University and in the Boston community, and create a safer and more secure community by alleviating anxiety for those fearful of the virus.
Like increasing numbers of colleges and universities in Boston, in the state, and across the country, Wentworth will require all students accessing campus in the 2021-22 academic year to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by August 14, 2021 prior to returning to campus for the fall semester.

If you have already been fully vaccinated, or if you have begun the vaccination process, thank you for doing your part.

Being vaccinated does not exempt an individual from any of our COVID-19 policies. Fully vaccinated individuals must still adhere to all campus Public Health policies and guidance, such as physical distancing, wearing of face-coverings and Personal Protective Equipment, hand washing, symptom monitoring, and testing.

We will continue to monitor guidance from the CDC, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the City of Boston. We may adjust our requirements for those who are fully vaccinated as this guidance may indicate. Please watch your email and other campus communications throughout the semester for more information.

**Resources for Getting Your Vaccines**

All individuals sixteen or older who live, work, or study in Massachusetts are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

In Massachusetts, individuals can pre-register for an appointment at one of the state’s mass vaccination sites. Additionally, individuals can access and schedule an appointment through vaxfinder.mass.gov or MaCovidVaccines.com. To find a vaccine resource in other states please refer to the CDC website, or to your state’s website.

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**Policy on Testing**

COVID-19 testing is critical to detect the virus and minimize the risk of spread of the virus on campus. All students, faculty, staff, and vendors coming to campus in person must participate in Wentworth’s testing protocols. Any member of the community who does not participate will not be permitted to return to or remain on campus.

**Wentworth’s Testing Approach**

The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard is providing COVID-19 testing to Wentworth. This testing will be conducted on campus and at Wentworth’s expense. Wentworth requires all faculty, staff, students, and vendors coming to campus to participate in the testing program and to execute a consent form allowing test results to be shared with Wentworth. Testing participants swab their nostrils themselves under observation by trained staff in the designated on-campus testing location. Wentworth is using an anterior nasal swab method. This method is different—and less invasive—than the nasopharyngeal swab, which involves inserting an elongated swab deep into the nose to the upper part of the throat. Having participants swab their own nostrils reduces the risk of infection for healthcare providers, who will not be in close contact with the participants. And, since it is less complex, this will also result in faster sampling.
COVID-19 tests taken on campus are sent to the Broad Institute for processing, and results are generally returned within 24 hours of delivery to the lab. Testing conducted for pre-arrival, arrival, and surveillance are conducted on campus in the testing hub, a trailer located behind Beatty Hall off Ward Street. The testing hub is staffed with a registered nurse to oversee the testing.

Symptomatic and close contact testing is conducted, on an appointment only basis, by Optum Student Health Services at a separate respiratory clinic that is located between Rodgers Hall and the MassArt Treehouse building.

Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been identified as a close contact should not enter the regular testing hub located next to Beatty Hall and should contact the COVID-19 Team to arrange for testing (phone: 617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu).

**Technology to Support COVID-19 Testing**

The Technology Services team, working with the COVID-19 Team, has implemented the mobile application and data interface required to support on-campus COVID-19 testing in coordination with the Broad Institute, along with supporting implementation of the CoVerified app. The Technology Services team has also developed a check-in process supported by using a QR code to expedite testing and ensure the accuracy of the testing data. Both the CoVerified app and the COVID-19 Testing Hub check-in process can be accessed via the myWentworth app.

**Student Testing Protocol**

**Pre-Arrival Testing**

All students returning to campus for the Summer 2021 semester (with the exception noted below) must undergo a molecular viral diagnostic test (PCR) three to five days prior to arrival on campus (three to seven days for residential students). If testing is not conducted in Wentworth’s testing hub, the student must provide Wentworth with documentation of a negative test result before their arrival. Students obtaining a third party test, and not testing in the testing hub, can upload test results to the COVID-19 team for review via this form. Because of concerns about false positive and false negative results, Wentworth will not accept antigen tests and will only accept Quest pooled tests.

- Wentworth is offering pre-arrival testing on campus at Wentworth’s testing hub for students living in residence halls, for students living in off-campus housing, and for commuter students. This testing should take place at Wentworth three to five days prior to a student’s scheduled arrival on campus.
- International students and students who live beyond commuting distance to campus will need to arrange for their own molecular (PCR) testing and can upload test results to the COVID-19 team for review via this form.
- Pre-arrival test results must be negative for a student to access the Wentworth campus.
- Students testing positive for COVID-19 on their pre-arrival test must contact the COVID-19 Team (at C19team@wit.edu or at 617-989-4019), must not return to campus, and will be required to enter and complete Wentworth’s isolation protocol before they return to campus.
- Students who arrive to campus for Summer 2021 move-in and have not completed a pre-arrival test within the last 5 days will be required to complete a rapid COVID-19 test, as well as a PCR
test upon arrival. If the rapid test results are negative, those students will still be “Restricted” on CoVerified and must self-quarantine until they receive a negative PCR test result. If the rapid test is positive, those students will be placed in Wentworth’s quarantine space until the results of their PCR tests are available.

- Students who have already tested positive for COVID-19 within ten to ninety days of returning to campus may use their positive test result to demonstrate that they are in their immunity period. Individuals in their 90-day immunity period are exempt from pre-arrival, arrival, and twice-weekly surveillance testing at Wentworth. These students must contact the COVID-19 Team to ensure compliance with Wentworth’s protocols and that their CoVerified status is correct.
- Students who have been fully vaccinated are not exempt from the pre-arrival testing requirement.
- Exception – students taking their coursework entirely via remote learning and not living on campus are not allowed to come to campus; and therefore, they are not required to undergo COVID-19 testing.

**Arrival Testing**

An arrival test will be required of all residential students. Residential students will need to be prepared to self-quarantine in their residence hall until the results of their COVID-19 arrival test are received back from the lab.

If an arrival test result is positive for COVID-19, the student will be required to enter Wentworth’s isolation protocol and to participate in contact tracing efforts, which will be conducted by Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team in coordination with public health authorities.

**Surveillance Testing**

All students, except those enrolled in entirely remote learning outside of Boston, must participate in Wentworth’s surveillance testing program. Fully vaccinated students must participate in the surveillance testing program.

- **Residential Students:** All residential students will undergo twice-weekly surveillance testing on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- **Commuting Students:** All commuting students who are on campus more than one day a week will undergo twice-weekly surveillance testing on campus. Commuting students on campus once per week will undergo once a week surveillance testing.

- **Students Residing in Off-Campus Housing in Boston:** Under agreement with the City of Boston, all students residing in off-campus housing in Boston will undergo at least once a week surveillance testing – even those not scheduled to come to campus during the summer. If an off-campus student living in Boston is on campus more than once a week, the student should undergo twice-weekly surveillance testing.

Strict compliance measures are in place to mitigate risk to health and safety. Failure to comply in required surveillance testing will result in a restricted status being reported in CoVerified until testing is completed.
If someone’s status is restricted in CoVerified, they may lose access to campus buildings. Restricted status will not prevent someone from accessing the Wentworth Testing Hub. Wentworth will employ randomized spot checking across campus to verify everyone’s CoVerified cleared status. Faculty and lab techs will be encouraged to check students’ CoVerified status before permitting access to in-person classes, labs, and studios.

Unless directed otherwise by a member of the COVID-19 Team, students should not test more times than required in any given week and no more frequently than every other day. Students who believe they should test more frequently should contact the COVID-19 Team for advice.

**Symptomatic and Close Contact Testing**
Tests are administered by Optum Student Health Services at Wentworth’s expense for students who present with symptoms related to COVID-19 or if they have been known to be exposed to someone with COVID-19. Testing for students reporting symptoms will take place by appointment at Optum Student Health Services’ respiratory clinic located next to the MassArt Treehouse building. Anyone with symptoms or who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should not enter the Testing Hub behind Beatty Hall.

Anyone identified as a close contact by Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team will be tested at pre-scheduled times at the Optum Student Health Services respiratory clinic. The COVID-19 Team will coordinate this close contact testing.

**Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Advisory Testing**
All Wentworth students returning to the Boston area from out-of-state are encouraged to comply with the [Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Advisory](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-travel-advisory). All persons traveling into Massachusetts are advised to quarantine for 10 days unless they are exempt under certain circumstances. Persons who have received a negative COVID-19 test result administered not more than 72 hours prior to arrival in the state do not need to quarantine. You may test out of the quarantine time frame after arrival in Massachusetts, as long as you quarantine until receiving your negative COVID-19 test result. Persons who are fully vaccinated with one of three FDA approved vaccines and who do not have any COVID-19 related symptoms are exempt from needing to quarantine.

Wentworth will provide students with the ability to take an arrival COVID-19 test at the Wentworth’s Testing Hub upon arriving in the state. If a positive test is received, students should be prepared to enter Wentworth’s isolation protocol.
Faculty, Staff, Contractor, and Vendor Testing Protocol

Pre-arrival Testing
Every faculty, staff, contractor, and vendor must undergo a molecular viral diagnostic test (PCR) at Wentworth’s Testing Hub and receive a negative result, three to five days prior to returning to campus for the summer semester.

- Wentworth will offer pre-arrival testing on campus, at the testing hub at Wentworth’s expense, for faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors. This testing must take place three to five days before a scheduled return or arrival on campus for the summer semester. Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who have maintained their surveillance testing between spring and summer semesters will be in compliance with pre-arrival testing requirements.
- Pre-arrival test results must be negative for a faculty, staff, contractor, or vendor to return to the Wentworth campus for the summer semester.
- Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to enter Wentworth’s isolation protocol and to participate in contact tracing efforts, which will be conducted by Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team in coordination with public health authorities.
- Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who have been fully vaccinated are not exempt from the pre-arrival testing requirement.
- In accordance with the Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Advisory, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors residing in or traveling from any state (or from outside the United States) into Massachusetts are encouraged to follow the recommendations in that advisory.

Symptomatic and Close Contact Testing
Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who report symptoms related to COVID-19 or who have been known to be exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be required to contact their medical professional for medical advice, guidance on testing, and to obtain clearance to return to work. Once they have been cleared to return, they must share that documentation with the COVID-19 Team at C19Team@wit.edu to remove their campus restriction in CoVerified. The COVID-19 Team can provide a link for the secure upload of medical information, if necessary.

Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who develop and report symptoms while on campus and are unable to leave campus immediately, should contact the COVID-19 Team. The team will direct them to an on-campus isolation space and may arrange for testing at the Optum Student Health Services’ respiratory clinic, if necessary.

Anyone with symptoms or who has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 should not enter the Testing Hub behind Beatty Hall.

Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors identified as a close contact by Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team will be offered the opportunity to be tested at appropriate times on campus at the Optum Student Health Services’ respiratory clinic. Close contact testing will be arranged for close contacts by Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team at pre-determined times.
**Surveillance Testing**
Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who are on campus more than one day a week will participate in twice-a-week testing. Those individuals on campus one day a week will participate in once-a-week testing. Fully vaccinated faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors must participate in the surveillance testing program.

Strict compliance measures are in place to mitigate risk to health and safety. Failure to comply with required surveillance testing will result in a restricted status being reported in CoVerified until testing is completed. If someone’s status is restricted in the CoVerified app, they may lose access to campus buildings. Wentworth will employ randomized spot checking across campus to verify everyone’s cleared CoVerified status.

**Contractor and Vendor Testing Requirements**
All vendors and contractors who are assigned to Wentworth’s campus, either full-time or part-time, must adhere to the testing protocol outlined above. Wentworth will provide access to testing. The vendor or contractor must obtain consent forms from employees that will provide Wentworth and the testing facility with permission to share the results of these tests with Wentworth and their employer.

**Dashboard**
Wentworth continues to keep the campus community informed of the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus through its [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). The dashboard provides information related to the health of our campus community by transparently sharing metrics including:

- The breakdown of cumulative negative and positive test results between students and faculty/staff/contactors
- Percentage of positive student cases categorized by location – residential and off-campus
- Percentage of campus isolation space availability
- Tracking of positivity rates in Massachusetts and Wentworth over time

The dashboard data is refreshed regularly with the most up-to-date information.

**Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Advisory**
Massachusetts has issued a COVID-19 [travel advisory](#) that encourages all persons, including returning Massachusetts residents, entering the state to comply with the advisory. All persons traveling into Massachusetts are advised to quarantine for 10 days unless they are exempt under certain circumstances. Persons who have received a negative COVID-19 test result administered not more than 72 hours prior to arrival in the state do not need to quarantine. You may test out of the quarantine time frame after arrival in Massachusetts, as long as you quarantine until receiving your negative COVID-19 test result. Persons who are fully vaccinated with one of three FDA approved vaccines and who do not have any COVID-19 related symptoms are exempt from needing to quarantine.
Policy on Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is a process used to prevent the further spread of a disease. Contact tracers and case investigators work with individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to identify and provide support to those who may have been infected through exposure (close contact) to the infected individual. According to the CDC, close contact for COVID-19 is defined as “someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.”

Wentworth will investigate and conduct contact tracing on all known COVID-19 positive test results. All Wentworth students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors will be required to participate in Wentworth’s contact tracing program. Individuals are expected to be cooperative, forthright, and truthful when working with Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team. Wentworth’s contact tracing program will be conducted in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Community Tracing Collaborative, and other public health authorities.

Failure to participate in contact tracing places the health and safety of the campus and greater community at risk and may result in disciplinary action. Any faculty, staff, or student who knowingly fails to self-report a positive test result, knowingly makes a false report, or withholds information during contact tracing could face disciplinary action.

Contact Tracing Protocols and Procedures

Wentworth has adopted contact tracing protocols and procedures to stop transmission of the virus and to facilitate support to people in quarantine and isolation. This work is comprised of case investigation, contact tracing, daily monitoring, and resource coordination. Wentworth’s contact tracing work is supplemented as necessary by the Boston Public Health Commission, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Community Tracing Collaborative. As a pre-emptive measure to expedite contact tracing, Wentworth students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors are encouraged to keep daily logs of their own social activities and interactions. Such efforts are key to ensuring Wentworth’s rapid response to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team monitors the University’s COVID-19 test results, database, dashboard, symptoms tracker, and COVID-19 telephone information line. The team consists of case investigators, contact tracers, and case managers. In the event of a positive test result on campus, Wentworth’s case investigators reach out to the individual receiving the positive test to:

1. Inform them of the results of their test and direct them to isolate.
2. Review Wentworth’s isolation protocols and arrange for an on-campus isolation space if necessary and appropriate.
3. Make sure they are aware of resources and isolation care/support available on campus (if applicable).
4. Ensure accurate reporting and monitoring of any symptoms through the CoVerified app.
5. Gather information about possible sources of exposure date and the location of any Wentworth students, faculty, staff, contractors, or vendors who test positive.

6. Identify close contacts of these individuals and any possible transmission that might have occurred.

7. Review Wentworth protocols to ensure safety of the campus and community.

After identifying close contacts, Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team alerts those close contacts about quarantine protocols and provides them with information about resources to support quarantine on campus (if applicable). Close contacts are instructed to get tested as soon as possible, and Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team helps expedite testing appointments, if necessary. As is true for case investigators, Wentworth’s case managers are responsible for reminding close contacts to report and monitor their symptoms daily through CoVerified.

In addition, the COVID-19 Team conducts regular contact tracing case studies and simulations to anticipate possible problems or emergency situations that could require intensified contact tracing work and to keep any outbreaks or clusters from escalating.

Wentworth maintains timely and relevant communications about contact tracing with the Boston Public Health Commission, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and other agencies as required.

To ensure a robust COVID-19 response, Wentworth students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors are required to remain off campus unless and until they have complied with Wentworth’s testing, tracing, isolation, and quarantine protocols. Wentworth’s COVID-19 protocols are based on current guidance issued by the CDC, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Boston Public Health Commission, and public health experts.

All students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors are required to disclose positive COVID-19 test results whether those tests were conducted by Wentworth or through another testing facility. Students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who fall under Wentworth’s isolation and quarantine criteria must not come into contact with other individuals or spaces on campus.

For students who are approved to isolate or quarantine on campus, they must strictly follow the directives of University officials regarding their movement outside the space. Failure to comply with directives will have consequences. In most cases, state and local officials can issue a public health order to those not in compliance with a mandated isolation or quarantine.

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**Policy on Quarantine**

Quarantine is used to keep people who have not tested positive for COVID-19, but who may have been exposed to COVID-19, safely away from others. Wentworth will require students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who experience COVID-19 symptoms or who are identified through contact tracing as having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to enter the quarantine protocol. Close contact will be defined using current CDC guidelines.
All students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors are required to disclose to Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team when they have received information from other sources that indicate they have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or when someone they live with has tested positive for COVID-19. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms are also required to quarantine. They must quarantine until they have consulted with their primary care physician, or for students with the Optum Student Health Clinic, and have been cleared for return by their medical professional and in consultation with the COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of the COVID-19 Team. Individuals should report this information by calling the Wentworth COVID-19 Information line at 617-989-4019.

**Residential Student Quarantine Protocol**

Wentworth students living in campus residence halls will be provided a quarantine space on campus. Students who are quarantined in campus housing should remain in place until completing 10 days of quarantine, as prescribed by Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidance. Quarantined students may leave campus housing on day 8 if they have not had any symptoms and they receive a negative result from a COVID-19 test administered on or after day 5 of the quarantine period.

Students who have been vaccinated will initially be placed in quarantine and will be provided an opportunity to produce their vaccination record. Once the student’s vaccination record has been produced and reviewed by the COVID-19 Team, a fully vaccinated student may be released from quarantine.

Students who are released from quarantine prior to completing the full 14 days must continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for the remainder of the 14-day period. If an individual has experienced ANY symptoms during the quarantine period, even if they have had a negative COVID-19 test, or if the individual indicates they are unwilling or unable to conduct active monitoring of symptoms, they must remain in quarantine through the entire 14-day period.

Students should only leave the quarantine space when cleared by Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team.

The University will provide support to students in quarantine, such as meals and daily check-in by case managers. Students should continue to engage in daily symptom monitoring through the CoVerified app while in quarantine. Protocols for quarantine are subject to change and will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local public health agencies.

**Off-Campus/Commuter Student Quarantine Protocol**

Wentworth students living off campus may not come to campus and must immediately quarantine in their home, off-campus apartment, or another appropriate location. Students should remain in place until completing 10 days of quarantine, as prescribed by Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidance. Quarantined students may leave quarantine on day 8 if they have not had any symptoms and they receive a negative result from a COVID-19 test administered on or after day 5 of the quarantine period.

Students who have been vaccinated will initially be placed in quarantine and will be provided an opportunity to produce their vaccination record. Once the student’s vaccination record has been produced and reviewed by the COVID-19 Team, a fully vaccinated student may be released from quarantine.
Students who are released from quarantine prior to completing the full 14 days must continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for the remainder of the 14-day period. If an individual has experienced ANY symptoms during the quarantine period, even if they have had a negative COVID-19 test, or if the individual indicates they are unwilling or unable to conduct active monitoring of symptoms, they must remain in quarantine through the entire 14-day period.

These students should only come to campus once cleared by the COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of the COVID-19 Team. Students should continue to engage in daily symptom monitoring through the CoVerified app while in quarantine. Protocols for quarantine are subject to change and will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local health agencies.

**Faculty, Staff, Contractor, and Vendor Quarantine Protocol**

Wentworth faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who have come into close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days, as prescribed by Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidance. Quarantined faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors may leave quarantine on day 8 if they have not had any symptoms and they receive a negative result from a COVID-19 test administered on or after day 5 of the quarantine period.

Wentworth faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who are released from quarantine prior to completing the full 14 days must continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for the remainder of the 14-day period. If an individual has experienced ANY symptoms during the quarantine period, even if they have had a negative COVID-19 test, or if the individual indicates they are unwilling or unable to conduct active monitoring of symptoms, they must remain in quarantine through the entire 14-day period.

Wentworth faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who have been vaccinated will initially be placed in the quarantine protocol and will be provided an opportunity to produce their vaccination record. Once their vaccination record has been produced and reviewed by the COVID-19 Team, a fully vaccinated individual may be released from the quarantine protocol.

Wentworth faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors must stay at home and off campus if they have been identified as having been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 by the COVID-19 Project Manager, a member of the COVID-19 Team, or otherwise identified. Wentworth’s quarantine protocols follow the relevant public health guidance listed above and issued by the CDC, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Boston Public Health Commission. Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors should continue to engage in daily symptom monitoring through the CoVerified app while in quarantine. Protocols for quarantine are subject to change and will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local public health agencies.

**Discontinuation of Quarantine**

Wentworth is guided by medical and public health advice from USHealthyWork, current CDC quarantine guidelines, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Boston Public Health Commission in the development and implementation of our discontinuation of quarantine protocol. Any discontinuation of quarantine and return to campus must be in consultation with Wentworth’s COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team. This discontinuation protocol is subject to change.

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Those under quarantine due to close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 should remain in place until completing 10 days of quarantine, as prescribed by DPH guidance. Quarantined students may leave campus housing on day 8 if they have not had any symptoms and they receive a negative result from a COVID-19 test administered on or after day 5 of the quarantine period. Those individuals who are released from quarantine prior to completing the full 14 days must continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for the remainder of the 14-day period. If an individual has experienced ANY symptoms during the quarantine period, even if they have had a negative COVID-19 test, or if the individual indicates they are unwilling or unable to conduct active monitoring of symptoms, they must remain in quarantine through the entire 14-day period.

Those under quarantine due to travel outside of Massachusetts may leave quarantine as provided in the [Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Advisory](#).

### Policy on Isolation

Members of the Wentworth community who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate. According to the CDC, “isolation is used to separate people infected with the virus (those who are sick with COVID-19 and those diagnosed with COVID-19 but not experiencing symptoms) from people who are not infected.” People who are in isolation should stay home until it is safe for them to be around others.

**Residential Student Isolation Protocol**

Residential students who test positive for COVID-19 (but do not need to be admitted to the hospital for treatment) will be required to isolate. Residential students will be required to isolate in specially designated COVID-19 isolation housing on campus.

The University will ensure meal, medication, and toiletry delivery for these students. Members of the COVID-19 Team will conduct daily check-ins to ensure that students are getting what they need and following self-care guidelines. Any space identified for isolation will provide students with a private room.

**Off-Campus/Commuter Student Isolation Protocol**

Students living in off-campus apartments/houses who test positive for COVID-19 (but do not need to be admitted to the hospital for treatment) will be required to isolate. Students are encouraged to isolate in a location where they can separate fully from others - ideally using their own separate bedroom and bathroom. Students are encouraged not to travel or return home to their permanent address unless they can do so safely and without putting others at risk in the process. Students living in an off-campus apartment/house in Boston, who are unable to find a suitable isolation space may request to isolate in on-campus isolation space. Such requests will be reviewed and may be granted if sufficient space is available.

Commuter students living at home who test positive for COVID-19 (but do not need to be admitted to the hospital for treatment) will be required to isolate at home.
Faculty, Staff, and Contractor/Vendor Isolation Protocol
Faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who test positive for COVID-19 (but do not need to be admitted to the hospital for treatment) will be required to isolate at home and contact their primary health care provider.

Discontinuation of Isolation
Wentworth is guided by medical and public health advice from USHealthyWork and the current CDC isolation guidelines in the development and implementation of our discontinuation of isolation protocol. Any discontinuation of isolation and return to campus must be in consultation with Wentworth’s COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of Wentworth’s COVID-19 Team. This discontinuation protocol is subject to change.

To discontinue isolation, students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors will need to satisfy all the following:
• at least 10 days since onset of symptoms.
• resolution of symptoms (free of fever for at least 24 hours and improvement of respiratory symptoms for at least 24 hours).

For those who test positive without symptoms, they may leave isolation:
• once 10 days have passed since test without the development of symptoms.

Policy on Travel
According to the CDC, “travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19.” Therefore, all non-essential, University-sponsored, or related overnight travel that is not necessary in order to perform functions that are essential for University business objectives has been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. All essential travel must be pre-approved by the Office of the General Counsel in consultation with the respective Vice Presidents identified below:

• Academic travel: Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
• Study Abroad: Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
• Athletic travel: Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students
• Other student travel: Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students
• Other employee travel: respective divisional Vice President

In cases where travel has been pre-approved, all members of the Wentworth community are required to uphold all policies set forth in this document and are urged to heed governmental travel restrictions, advisories, and warnings. All students, faculty, and staff who fail to obtain pre-approval for essential travel before traveling or fail to uphold all policies set forth within this document may be subject to discipline.
Policy on Campus Visitors and Other External Populations

Wentworth will limit strictly campus visitors and other non-Wentworth affiliated persons to the extent possible until further notice. Any visitors must be approved in advance by the divisional Vice President in consultation with the COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of the COVID-19 Team to identify if a negative COVID-19 test or other pre-arrival requirements are necessary based on reason for and duration of the visit.

Admissions Visits
The Office of Admissions is hosting a limited number of on-campus visitors for campus tours. Pre-registration is required, and capacity is limited to accommodate necessary social distancing. Walk-in appointments are not allowed, and all visitors must follow state, city, and university health and safety protocols, including wearing a face covering while on campus. Each prospective student visitor is allowed only one guest for campus visits and tours generally lasting one hour. For more information about these campus admissions visits, please visit this site.

Campus Access for Fully Remote Students, Faculty, and Staff
To minimize the spread of COVID-19, only students in the following two categories are permitted to access campus buildings, grounds, and physical amenities during the Summer 2021 semester:

1. students living in the residence halls and
2. commuter/off-campus students registered for at least one in-person or hybrid course.

Students enrolled in fully remote courses and who do not live on campus will need to request advance permission from the Dean of Students Office to access campus.

Faculty and staff in fully remote roles are not permitted to access campus buildings, grounds, and physical amenities without advance permission from their supervisor and divisional Vice President until further notice.

In all cases, consultation with the COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of the COVID-19 Team is required for campus access to identify which pre-arrival requirements are necessary based on reason for and duration of the visit. At a minimum, all students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and other visitors must complete symptom checking and temperature monitoring prior to coming to campus. All approved visitors are required to register with the University for assistance with contact tracing, if necessary. Regardless of approval, those experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms or a fever should not come onto campus.

Compliance and Accommodations for At-Risk Populations

Students
Students seeking reasonable accommodations under the criteria in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in their classroom, residence, or for any other University activity should contact Accessibility Services within the Center for Wellness at (617) 989-4390 or view the accommodation procedures and
online disclosure form via use of the myWentworth app, under the Student Resources tile for Center for Wellness Resources.

**Faculty/Staff**

Employees who are scheduled for on-campus work and have concerns about their schedule should discuss them with their supervisor. The Office of Human Resources can assist with requests for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or requests for other leaves of absence. Employees who wish to seek reasonable accommodations under the criteria in the [Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy](#) may contact Catlin Wells, Executive Director of Equity and Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, at wellsc1@wit.edu.

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**Education, Training, and Communications**

Wentworth developed virtual training modules for students, faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors. The training covers protocols for eight critical areas of education including face coverings, physical distancing, personal hygiene, symptom monitoring, testing, contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine.

Members of the campus community who have not completed the virtual training modules earlier in the 2020-21 academic year are asked to do so prior to return campus in the summer semester. For students, faculty, and staff, the training module is located at [myWentworth](#) by clicking on the Re-Entry Update tile.

Wentworth will continue to update this Summer 2021 Campus Plan document and to provide consistent and timely updates. All communications, updates, as well as the Summer 2021 Campus Plan document will be posted on Wentworth’s [website](#).
The Academic Experience

De-densified Model for Academic Spaces

Wentworth is committed to continuing its unique, highly personal, and powerful approach toward learning, development, and growth. During this pandemic, students, faculty, and staff have demonstrated tremendous resiliency and flexibility. Faculty at Wentworth are known not only for their teaching abilities but also for their commitment to mentorship - a transformative combination. Special attention will be needed to assure that, whether it be in-person or virtual, that students do not feel distant from their education and the Wentworth community.

In compliance with the public health policies and guidelines outlined in this plan:

- No food or drinks are permitted in classrooms, labs, or studios.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- Individuals must maintain six feet of distance from others unless specified otherwise and provided additional PPE (face shields or gloves).

Additionally, wipes are provided in all academic spaces. Students, faculty, and staff are expected to clean their immediate workspace (desk or workstation) upon arrival and departure.

Classrooms

As a result of de-densifying all campus spaces, classroom spaces will be for in-person classes. Classrooms are set up with six-foot physical distancing between seats. Users of the space will clean their areas upon arrival. Each room has sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer stations. No food or drinks are allowed in classrooms, unless otherwise noted as a permissible use of the room. Classrooms undergo a thorough cleaning at night, and high-touch areas are cleaned four times a day by custodial staff. The maximum occupancy for each classroom is posted on the room ID sign at the entrance.

Studios

Studio spaces are utilized by Architecture, Industrial Design and Interior Design students, faculty, and staff. Each student is assigned a studio space for the 2020-21 academic year. Studios have partitions installed to provide a physical separation in cases where six feet of separation is not possible. Appropriate strategies for minimizing risk are also taking place for design studios. In addition, occupancy has been reduced for all studio spaces.

Additional expectations include:

- Everyone is required to wear face coverings at all times, regardless of the number of individuals in the space.
- Students are not allowed to bring guests into the studio spaces.
- Crit spaces in all the studios will need to follow the six feet of separation precautions.
• All interactions with students, faculty, and staff must be conducted with respect to appropriate physical distancing. If this is not possible, then virtual presentations and crits should be implemented to allow for students, faculty, and staff within the space to physically distance.
• Expectation for students, faculty, and staff learning and working in our laboratory and studio environments may be adjusted based on changing conditions.

Labs
Active learning in Wentworth’s labs is a critical component of the University’s learning experience. To offer that experience as safely as possible, Wentworth has instituted additional precautions and expectations for these spaces and their users. Wentworth labs will operate under Massachusetts’s sector-specific protocols and best practices for laboratories, including, but limited to:

• Ensuring physical distancing between individuals.
• Clear shields are employed where physical distancing is not possible.
• Applying robust hygiene protocols for faculty, students, and staff.
• Integrating operation safety procedures.
• Incorporating robust protocols for cleaning and disinfecting.

Additional expectations include:

• Everyone must wear face coverings at all times and maintain six feet of distance from others, unless otherwise specified. Additional PPE (such as face shields or gloves) may be required depending on the work being done.
• Wipes are provided, and everyone is asked to clean their immediate working space (desk or workstation) when they arrive and depart from it.
• The maximum occupancy for each lab is posted on the room ID sign at the entrance.

Workshops
Workshops such as wood shops, finishing shops, and the CNC Lab are overseen by lab techs. Occupancy in these spaces is limited and posted. Scheduling time in such spaces may be necessary. Additional PPE (such as face shields or gloves) may be required depending on the work being done. The maximum occupancy for each workshop is posted on the room ID sign at the entrance.

Accelerate
The Accelerate space and shops are handled in a similar fashion to the other workshops on campus. The spaces that make up the Accelerate program are limited in occupancy. Additional PPE (such as face shields or gloves) may be required depending on the work being done. The maximum occupancy for Accelerate is posted on the room ID sign at the entrance.
Semester Schedule and Course Delivery Models

The summer semester will begin with classes starting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 and will end with the final exams period that will conclude on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

In order to best meet student needs within de-densified spaces while simultaneously keeping track of students on campus for contact tracing and safety protocols, new course types were implemented for the Spring and Summer 2021 semester scheduling. Courses primarily “hands-on” in nature, such as labs and studios, are being delivered mostly in person with measures in place that include the required use of personal protective equipment, physical distancing, and cleaning protocols.

Courses with In-Person Activities

In-Person or Combo (LEC/LAB): Combination of in-person and virtual sessions during scheduled class times as they appear on LeopardWeb.

Rotating Lectures/Labs (RLC/RLB): Subsets of students will be in person and others online on a rotating basis as coordinated by the instructor to allow for physical distancing.

Hybrid (HYB): Combination of Lecture and Lab delivered in person on specific dates and virtually for all other class meetings throughout the semester.

Virtual Courses

Fully Online Synchronous (ONC/ONB): Online offerings of both lectures and labs where all students will participate virtually during scheduled lecture and lab times.

Fully Online Asynchronous (ONL): Course content and assignments will be delivered asynchronously – students will complete work by noted deadlines with weekly opportunities to engage with peers and faculty at the assigned class time. At the instructor’s discretion, to promote learning, students should be available for synchronous sessions with notice from the instructor.
Co-Ops + Careers

For those students unable to secure a co-op position by May 19, 2021 (last day to add/drop), the Center for Cooperative Education and Career Development (CO-OPS + CAREERS) is working closely with Academic Affairs leadership, faculty, and staff to create robust and engaging opportunities that will fulfill students’ co-op requirement. Most options are virtual, allowing students to complete them from the comfort of their home or residence hall.

Students are encouraged to connect directly with their CO-OPS + CAREERS advisor for more information regarding their specific programs. Students can find their dedicated advisor on the CO-OPS + CAREERS advising team’s web page.

Academic Programs and Support

Center for Academic Excellence
Staff will continue to support students with advising and tutoring through both virtual and limited in-person meetings. Students may sign up for tutoring by logging into EAB Navigate using their Wentworth credentials. The tutoring schedule for the summer will be available May 12, 2021. Please visit the CAE website for more information.

CO-OPS + CAREERS
Staff will continue to support students with advising through both virtual and limited in-person meetings. A series of virtual CO-OP + CAREER recruitment opportunities will be held throughout the summer semester. Please visit the CO-OP + CAREER website for more information.

Douglas D. Schumann Library & Learning Commons
The Douglas D. Schumann Library & Learning Commons will be operating its normal hours; however, the library will limit capacity to minimize risk of spread of COVID-19 and to comply with Massachusetts sector specific workplace safety standards. Access is restricted to the Wentworth Community, and IDs will be required for entry. In addition, face coverings must be worn at all times, and patrons will be asked to display their CoVerified clearance status to enter. Please visit the library website for hours and for the most up-to-date information.

Semester and Study Abroad
All Wentworth-sponsored outgoing study abroad programming is cancelled for the Summer 2021 semester. Students can apply for semester study abroad through partner schools. To be eligible, students will need approval from their department chair, an acceptance from the partner school, and to successfully obtain a visa. Students are strongly encouraged to investigate any COVID-19 related entry requirements or restrictions for the country in which they are seeking to study. Additionally, students are required to abide by all policies set forth in this document and applicable local, state, and/or federal regulations and guidelines prior to returning to campus.
TechSpot
Technology services and support remain available to all members of the Wentworth community. Please visit the following Technology Services and Support section of this document or the Technology Services website for additional information.

Technology Services and Support

Academic Technology
Technology Services has partnered with the Academic Affairs and the Campus Infrastructure Teams to enable key technology solutions and support in-person and mixed-mode learning for the Summer 2021 semester. These technology supports include:

- Supporting Zoom for synchronous delivery of instruction and live class interactions.
- Enabling dual delivery learning by outfitting four classrooms in Beatty Hall with enhanced technology.
- Providing a mobile technology cart set-up for lab spaces in the CEIS building.
- Equipping faculty with teaching technology to bring students learning remotely into physical labs and studios. Technology supports include virtual lab and interactive whiteboards.
- Procuring additional webcams with stands, annotation tablets, document cameras, hotspots, headsets, and microphones.
- Assessing network bandwidth and performance and performing wireless network stress tests.

Technical Support for Students, Faculty, and Staff
Technical support remains a top priority and will be offered both virtually and in person. In-person consultations will be conducted as needed by appointment. These will be done at the Tech Spot location in Beatty Hall, or when appropriate, in the classroom, meeting room, or office locations for individual staff and faculty members.

Laptop repairs will continue to take place at the Tech Spot. Arrangements will be made for safe drop off and pick up of equipment. For students who are learning remotely for the semester, arrangements will be made to ship equipment for repairs when necessary.

Technology Services can assist with virtual events through Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Staff will provide production support before, during, and after events as needed. A minimum of two weeks of prior planning is necessary.

For course consultation, please send an email to Learning Innovation & Technology at LIT@wit.edu. For all other technology support, please send an email to TechSpot@wit.edu.

Last Updated: May 5, 2021
Student Life

De-densified Housing Model

Residential life is an important part of the college experience. Living on campus allows students to engage in a living and learning environment that enhances academic progress, expands involvement opportunities, fosters personal growth, and cultivates healthy interpersonal relationships and lifelong friendships. Because of this, inviting students back into our residence halls this 2020-21 academic year has been a priority for the University, Student Affairs, and Housing and Residential Life.

Wentworth’s housing model is designed to minimize exposure to and spread of COVID-19 within the residential community. Developed using public health best practices and medical guidance, we have reduced rooms to doubles or singles to allow for physical distancing. In residence halls where students use a shared bathroom, students are assigned to showers, stalls, and sinks where additional dividers and other protective barriers have been added where needed. Cleaning and sanitation of all bathrooms within the residence halls has increased and occurs regularly. Students living in the residence halls also have access to laundry facilities, mailrooms, lounges, and common spaces. These spaces comply with health requirements around physical distancing and are scheduled for regular cleaning and sanitation.

Students are asked to keep personal toiletries in their room and avoid storing any items on bathroom counters or within showers. Students are also expected to assist with regular cleaning of living areas, which contributes to everyone’s health and safety in our residence halls and on campus.

Expectations of On-Campus Students

Every member of our residential community must do their part to keep our students’ home away from home as healthy as possible. To achieve this, students living in the residence halls will be required to comply with the following COVID-19 related policies until further notice:

- No non-Wentworth visitors, including overnight guests, are permitted. This includes family members.
- Residential students may visit other students in the same or different residence halls with restrictions on the number of visitors allowed at a time in each room. Residential students are permitted to have commuter students as guests as long as they are CLEARED through CoVerified.
- Residents may access designated common area spaces (lounges, study rooms, etc.) within their residential community (if available) and must adhere to the posted room occupancies and physical distance guidelines.
- Access to and use of amenities/space may be restricted or limited in capacity (community space, lounges, kitchen, laundry rooms, elevators, etc.).
- Residents must wear an appropriate face covering that covers their nose and mouth at all times outside of the suite/apartment. Residents in Baker Hall must wear an appropriate face covering outside of their bedroom.
- Residents are not permitted to reconfigure bedroom furniture in any way or remove any furniture within their bedrooms for any reason.
• Residents must comply with COVID-19 testing policies, which currently include twice-weekly testing and daily symptom monitoring in the CoVerified app. Residents failing to comply with these protocols are subject to disciplinary action.
• Residents who test COVID-19 positive or are identified by the University as a close contact must comply with all directives and follow outlined isolation and quarantine protocols. While the goal is to remain COVID-19 negative, residents should be prepared to gather all necessary belonging (clothing, toiletries, academic supplies, computer and phone chargers, snacks, etc.) within 30 minutes and be ready to move into the University’s designated isolation and quarantine spaces.

On-campus students should refer to their Summer 2021 Housing Agreement Addendum for more details regarding expectations within the residence halls.

### Student Move-in Scheduling and Guidelines

Wentworth has planned a move-in process that ensures that staff, students, and their families are able to practice and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet, supports hygiene protocols, requires face coverings, limits the numbers of people on campus at any given point, and distributes people across campus spaces to avoid large groups of people gathering in any single space in observance of city and state occupancy limitations. Students and families should be aware of the following:

• Summer move in will take place on May 9 and May 10.
• Wentworth will be utilizing the West Parking Lot as the principal location for this move-in process.
• Students can have one family member assist with move in. Families accompanying students to campus, but who are not permitted to enter the halls, must wait in or near their vehicle while parked in the West Lot while their student is moving in. When exiting their vehicle, family members must wear face coverings at all times.
• Students and family members who are not feeling well or experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms during a scheduled move-in period may not to come to campus.

### Student Health and Well-being Services

At Wentworth, we know that physical and mental well-being play an important role in overall student success. Maintaining resources focused on students’ physical health and mental well-being is essential, especially during a pandemic. Campus resources and services will be available to students, altered around public health and well-being guidelines.

**The Center for Wellness**

Counselors will continue to offer individual therapy sessions and triage hours through a tele-health delivery method. Additionally, Wentworth is engaged in a partnership that provides students with on-demand 24/7 tele-mental health support with no appointment necessary. Students have access to a variety of virtual groups, including but not limited to, Meditation, Anxiety and Me, Coping with Change,
and Anti-Depression – Coping Skills and Support. Please visit the Center for Wellness [website] for more information or call the Center at 617-989-4390.

**Student Health Services**
The University continues to work with Optum Health Services to ensure that health services remain available to students while complying with evolving medical facility guidelines. Depending on the nature of the medical concern, students will have the option to schedule tele-health and in-person appointments throughout the Summer 2021 semester. Please visit Student Health Services’ [website] for more information. The phone number for Optum Health Services is 617-879-5220.

**Fitness/Recreation**
To abide by physical distancing requirements and ensure appropriate levels of cleaning and sanitation, the Schumann Fitness Center will have limited capacity during operating hours. The showers will be offline and towel service will be suspended until further notice. Additionally, to comply with physical distancing protocols and policies related to accessing residence halls, the spin and group fitness studios are closed until further notice. Additional fitness and recreation opportunities will be communicated to the campus community throughout the semester. To ensure students have access to facilities and equipment, faculty and staff access is limited from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

**Wentworth COVID-19 Contact Tracing and Case Management Team**
Members of the Wentworth community can contact the COVID-19 Project Manager or a member of the COVID-19 Team at C19Team@wit.edu or by calling the Wentworth COVID-19 Information line at 617-989-4019.

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**Student Engagement**

**New Student Orientation**
Information regarding New Student Orientation will be sent directly to incoming students.

**Student Clubs and Organizations**
Student clubs and organizations are the heart and soul of the campus experience. With more than 65 clubs and organizations, students can connect with others with shared interests and find their spot in our community. Since March 2020, the University has witnessed the creativity of our clubs and organizations as they found ways to socially connect while physically distancing. With this creativity of our students and commitment of our staff, our goal is to ensure these connections continue. Together, we will continue to follow physical distancing and health guidelines that will allow us to continue to pursue our passions with necessary changes, including how the program is delivered, location, and types of events offered.

Members of clubs and organizations can find specific COVID-19 related policies and protocols, as well as a checklist for planning student events and programs during the pandemic, in the 2020-21 Student Organization Manual, which can be found on the myWentworth app under Student Resources.
Campus Information for Faculty and Staff

Staffing Models

As faculty and staff members are identified to return to work on site, there are three staffing models outlined below that have been implemented to maintain required physical distancing measures and to reduce population density within buildings and workspaces.

Remote Work
Division leaders are encouraged to continue supporting remote work schedules for those who can fulfill some or all of their work responsibilities to reduce the number of individuals on campus and the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. These arrangements can include a full or partial day or week schedule as appropriate. Offices and staff that can continue to effectively work remotely should remain doing so.

Alternating Days
To limit the number of individuals and interactions among those on campus, departments should schedule partial staffing on alternating days. Such schedules will help enable physical distancing, especially in areas with large common workspaces or offices with multiple occupants.

Staggered Reporting/Departing
The beginning and end of the workday typically brings many people together at common entry and exit points of buildings. Departments should schedule staggered reporting and departure times by at least 30 minutes to help reduce traffic in common areas and to meet physical distancing requirements.

All faculty and staff whether working on campus or remotely should become familiar with the policies and protocols detailed in this document and information available through the virtual training modules. Expanded staffing will be tightly controlled and coordinated to mitigate potential risks. No unit or department should increase staffing levels beyond the initial identified needs to support critical on-site operations without approval from the supervisor in consultation with the divisional vice president. Once decisions to expand on-site staffing in certain areas have been made, employees are expected to follow the policies and protocols detailed throughout this guide for working on campus. As staffing on site increases and operations expand, we will continue to closely monitor and assess the potential spread of the virus, as well as existing policies and procedures to mitigate it.
# Guidance for Absences Related to COVID-19

The guidance below should be used by supervisors in working with employee absences related to COVID-19. Supervisors should contact Human Resources with any questions related to COVID-19 absences.

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| Employee has been advised by a healthcare provider to isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test or to quarantine due to COVID-19 symptoms, or has been advised by Wentworth or a public health agency to quarantine as a result of close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 | • Remote work (if available)  
• Paid COVID-19 Administrative Leave (10-day maximum)  
• Other accrued leave  
• FMLA if employee tests positive or is otherwise diagnosed with COVID-19 |
| Employee needs to obtain a medical diagnosis or receive care related to COVID-19 symptoms | • Remote work (if available)  
• Paid COVID-19 Administrative Leave (10-day maximum)  
• Other accrued leave  
• FMLA if employee tests positive or is otherwise diagnosed with COVID-19 |
| Employee caring for a family member who is quarantined | • Remote work or flexible schedule (if available)  
• Combination of remote work and flexible schedule (if available)  
• Accrued personal or vacation leave  
• FMLA if employee’s spouse, parent, or child tests positive or is otherwise diagnosed with COVID-19 and the employee is caring for that person |
| Voluntary Quarantine (no symptoms; able to work) | • Remote work (if available)  
• Accrued personal or vacation leave |
| To care for son or daughter whose school or childcare provider is closed or unavailable due to reasons related to COVID-19 | • Remote work (if available)  
• Combination of remote work and flexible schedule (if available)  
• Accrued personal or vacation leave |
Campus Space and Amenities

De-densified Model for Common and Shared Spaces

Common spaces include building entries, hallways, stairs, elevators, bathrooms, reception areas, lounges, and collaboration areas. All Wentworth public health policies must be adhered to in these spaces (see: Public Health Policies and Guidance). Additionally, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides guidance in several of these areas based on sector-specific protocols and best practices that are available on the Commonwealth’s Reopening Plan website.

In addition to following Wentworth public health policies and guidance, members of the Wentworth community are expected to comply with the following guidelines to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

Building Entry/Egress and Hallways/Stairs
- Receive CoVerified clearance prior to coming to campus or entering any campus buildings.
- Access campus buildings with required Wentworth ID card.
- Yield to passersby at doorways.
- Follow signs and adhere to visual cues on floors and walls.
- Stay to the right in hallways and on stairs.
- Proceed to the nearest exit and evacuate the building in case of a fire alarm; avoid emergency responders and practice physical distancing when moving away from the building.

Elevators
- Avoid use of elevators when possible and use the stairs instead.
- Yield to those requiring use of elevators.
- Follow signs and visual cues on floors and walls in and around elevators.
- Use of personal button-pusher devices and avoid touching elevator buttons.
- Practice physical distancing while in an elevator as much as possible.
- Use hand sanitizer dispensers.

Bathrooms
- Follow signs and other visual cues regarding use and physical distancing.
- Wash hands upon entry and wash hands upon exit.
- Touchless faucets have been installed on sinks in academic buildings.
- Touchless paper towel dispensers have been installed and hand driers are deactivated.
- Touchless “Step-N-Pull” devices have been added to doors with pull hardware.
- In single-user bathrooms, waste bins are placed near the exit door so that those using a paper towel to turn a door lever to exit can drop same in waste bin on the way out.
- Bathrooms in academic buildings are cleaned four times daily and once overnight during normal operations. Daytime cleanings may require the bathroom to be temporarily closed to facilitate the cleaning schedule.
Collaboration, Conference, and Lounges Spaces

- Follow signs and other visual cues regarding use and physical distancing.
- Areas and seating that can be used will be identified with decals to allow for physical distancing. Seating that cannot be used due to physical distancing will be “banded” and identified not to be used.
- Please do not move furniture.
- Use disinfectant wipes as provided to clean work surfaces and technology touch points before and after use.
- Smaller conference rooms may be taken offline and/or repurposed as needed.

Retail stores and mailroom planning considerations

The Convenience Store, Bookstore, the mailrooms, and other public-facing facilities that serve the Wentworth community will, at a minimum, follow protocols established by Massachusetts for businesses.

- Technology will be used to assist with ordering and queuing.
- Demarcated six-foot distance will be maintained between each customer waiting in line.
- Sanitation practices will be intensified.
- All employees will be required to wear face coverings. In the mailroom, employees will wear face coverings and gloves.
- Plexiglass barriers will be installed at check-out stations and counters.
- Touchless payment methods are preferred; payment by cash is available.
- Entrances and exits will be managed to limit contact.
- Vending machines will be available.

Douglas D. Schumann Library and Learning Commons

In addition to compliance with the public health policies and guidelines outlined in this plan, the Douglas D. Schumann Library and Learning Commons will operate under Massachusetts’ sector-specific protocols and best practices for libraries. Wentworth community members should be aware of the following changes:

Library Access and Use:

- The Library will be open to the Wentworth community only. A valid Wentworth ID is required for entry.
- Capacity will be limited, based upon the Massachusetts COVID-19 Safety Standards for Libraries and CDC guidelines.
- Remote instruction, teaching, live chat, and research support will continue as normal.
- No food or drink will be allowed in the library or on the roof terrace.

Group Study Rooms, Program Room, Reading Room, and Technology Sandbox:

- Study Rooms will be limited to one person at a time, based upon Massachusetts and CDC guidelines.
- The Program Room will be limited to six people at a time. It will not be reservable for meetings.
• Use disinfectant wipes as provided to clean work surfaces and technology touch points before and after use.
• The Technology Sandbox will be managed by a co-op student, under the supervision of library staff. All 3D printing will be managed as a service. Students will not be able to enter the Sandbox. Instead, completed prints will be picked up as part of the library’s “curbside pickup” service.

Protocols for high-touch areas within the library spaces:
• Library users may continue to request books and materials for “curbside pickup.”
• The book stacks will also be open for normal browsing, and users may come to the Library to check-out items in person if they prefer.

The Douglas D. Schumann Fitness Center and Auxiliary Fitness Locations
In addition to compliance with public health polices and guidelines outlined in this plan, the Douglas D. Schumann Fitness Center and auxiliary fitness locations will operate under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sector-specific protocols and best practices for fitness centers and health clubs.
Wentworth community members should be aware of the following changes:
• Occupancy in the Douglas D. Schumann Fitness Center is limited to 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy.
• To ensure students have access to facilities and equipment, faculty and staff will not be able to use the Douglas D. Schumann Fitness Center and auxiliary locations until further notice.
• Equipment has been arranged to have 14 feet of separation unless barriers are installed. If barriers are installed, physical separation is six feet. Barriers composed of plastic sheeting have been installed on equipment in the Douglas D. Schumann Fitness Center.
• Face coverings must be worn during all fitness activities, even during strenuous physical activities.
• Group fitness activities require 14 feet of separation.
• An auxiliary fitness location has been set up in the back of Tansey Gym for cardio workouts. Stationary bikes and treadmills have been installed to provide students with additional exercise equipment.
• Locker rooms, showers, and towel services are suspended until further notice.
De-densified Model for Office Spaces

In addition to compliance with the public health policies and guidelines outlined in this plan, Wentworth shifted operations to meet the expectations outlined in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sector-specific protocols and best practices for office spaces, which focus on ensuring physical distancing. Below are measures being employed.

- Applying robust hygiene protocols, including faculty and staff responsibilities.
- Implementing safety procedures in staffing and operations.
- Incorporating robust hygiene protocols for cleaning and disinfecting workspaces.

In all offices and workspaces, everyone should maintain at least six feet of physical distance between themselves and others, unless separated by a divider. This may include, but is not limited to, an individual’s office, conference room, collaboration space, copy/mail area, or reception area. Face coverings must be worn at all times. The only exception is when participating in virtual meetings, calls, or eating, and these activities must occur in an enclosed office or conference room space with a closed door. For a shared office, physical distancing needs to meet or exceed six feet, and face coverings must be worn at all times even with the door closed.

Facilities assessed open work environments and meeting rooms and implemented measures to physically separate and increase distance between employees, other coworkers, and students such as:

- Placing visible cues such as floor decals and colored tape to signal where to stand while waiting in line.
- Placing one-way directional signage for large open workspaces with multiple throughways to increase distance between employees moving through the space.
- Examining whether to designate specific stairways for up or down traffic if building space allows.

Users of individual spaces (e.g., offices used by one person) are responsible to clean surfaces with sanitizing wipes before and after each use. Employees should eliminate or limit the use of shared equipment, such as phones, computers, and other frequent-use items. Office items that must be shared, such as printers, coffee makers, light switches, etc., must be disinfected before and after each use.

Offices that have customer service points or reception areas have glass shields installed on counters or desks. Furniture in reception areas is de-densified where possible. If furniture could not be removed, visible cues such as a decal have been placed at the seats that can be occupied. For staff that typically meet with students and or other community members in their offices, in-person appointments are scheduled, but only if a six-foot distance can be maintained. Virtual-only meetings are encouraged, when possible.

Many office suites have kitchenettes with coffee machines, water coolers, and appliances. Since faculty and staff are encouraged to eat in their offices, these spaces will remain in place to serve employees’ needs. Face coverings must be worn in these spaces and physical distancing of at least six feet must be maintained. Individuals using these spaces should keep counters, appliances, and touchpoints clean.
Custodial staff clean areas nightly. It is strongly recommended that employees do not bring food into the office to share with colleagues.

Facilities provides supplies for cleaning at or near all spaces on campus, including:

- Filling soap and paper towel dispensers regularly.
- Placing sanitizer stations around campus.
- Installing sanitizer wipe dispensers next to public workstations.

**De-densified Dining Model**

In addition to compliance with the public health policies and guidelines outlined in this plan, Wentworth has shifted dining operations to meet or exceed the expectations outlined in the [Massachusetts sector-specific protocols and best practices for restaurants](https://www.mass.gov). The following precautions have been put in place:

- In-person seating in Beatty Café is limited; however, additional dining locations (Watson Auditorium) and meal distribution points (Convenience Store) are available.
- Dining has accommodated the academic schedule.
- Cleaning and sanitation practices have been intensified.
- All food and catering staff are required to wear face coverings and gloves.
- All food is served by dining staff; there is no self-service of food.
- Technology is being used to assist with ordering and queuing; demarcations aid in maintaining six-foot distancing between each customer.
- Menu management techniques are being utilized to streamline service.
- Utensils are disposable.
- Touchless payment methods are preferred; but payment by cash is available.

**Supplemental Dining Locations and Meal Distribution Points**

Additional indoor seating is available in Watson Auditorium. Watson Auditorium is cleaned nightly. Supplemental meal pick-up points are for grab-n-go only, including the Convenience Store. Additional pick-up points during lunch allow for flexibility, speed of service, and physical distancing.

Flow of traffic for meal pick up is one way with a secondary exit. Line areas are demarcated with six-foot distances and marked with visual cues for proper flow. Streamlined menu items are pre-packaged in disposable utensils for speed of pick up. These areas require the same precautions as the dining facilities, including maintaining physical distancing, offering speed of service, and observing strict occupancy limitations. Additionally, mobile hand sanitization stations are available for students, faculty, and staff in these areas.

**Dining Recommendations for Faculty and Staff**

To limit occasions of incidental contact, it is recommended that faculty and staff consider bringing meals from home during this time or to utilize contactless ordering and grab-n-go options via Chartwells. Faculty and staff are encouraged to eat their meals in their office areas, or weather permitting, eat outside.
These actions will support providing our students with priority access to the limited seating in Beatty Hall and Watson Auditorium. When faculty and staff are eating in their work environment (break room, office, meeting room, etc.) they should:

- Maintain at least six feet of distance between themselves and others.
- Do not sit facing another person.
- Only remove face coverings to eat, and then put them back on.
- Wipe all surfaces (including tables, refrigerator handles, coffee machines, etc.) after use in common areas.

As a reminder, food is not permitted to be served, catered, or consumed during meetings (see: Food and Beverages at In-Person Meetings and Events).

**Food Service for Students in Quarantine and Isolation**

Specially designated on-campus housing will be provided to those students who must isolate or quarantine, according to public health guidelines. Dining protocols are flexible to accommodate any student who needs to quarantine or isolate. Drop-off meals will be prepared and delivered to each student’s room for lunch and dinner, and a continental breakfast will be provided. Dining staff work with students on dietary requirements and any food allergies. Students in isolation or quarantine spaces are not permitted to use outside delivery services for food or other items.