



Fall 2021 COVID-19 Campus Plan

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Greetings, Wentworth Community,

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

Wentworth has planned for a fall semester experience that resumes in-person learning in classes, labs, and studios, a traditional academic calendar that includes spring break, and fully engaging residential, athletic, co-curricular, club, and student life experiences. This fuller, more engaging campus experience is made possible due to our continued vigilance in safeguarding the safety and wellbeing of every member of the Wentworth community. We have established policies, procedures, and guidelines within this plan document to maintain the health of the Wentworth community and to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 understanding that we cannot eliminate the presence of the virus altogether.

The most important health and safety action is to get vaccinated. We are fortunate to be in a state that has achieved among the highest vaccinations rates in the country. While Massachusetts is experiencing an uptick in cases due to the Delta variant, the state's high vaccination rate has substantially reduced rates of hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19. In other words, the available vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective. Federal, state, and local public health authorities strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccinations for campus communities. A fully vaccinated community will prevent severe infections and long-term adverse health effects of COVID-19, reduce transmission of the virus 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. Based on the results of a survey of employees inquiring about their vaccination status and required reporting from students about their vaccination status, we project that more than 90% of employees and students will be fully vaccinated at the start of the semester.

Becoming fully vaccinated along with following all the policies and procedures outlined in this plan, including daily symptom monitoring, testing, masking where and when needed, practicing regular handwashing, along with adhering to other important public health measures and protocols will keep our campus community well, productive, and happy as we begin an exciting new academic year. Please do your part to safeguard our community!

The environment that we are operating in will likely continue to fluctuate. We are monitoring any changes to city, state, and federal requirements and guidelines, and we are prepared to adapt as needed, evolve the plan to respond, and update you on these changes.

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and Resources

Student Vaccinations

Federal, state, and local public health authorities strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccinations for campus communities. Wentworth has joined with increasing numbers of colleges and universities in Boston, in the state, and across the country in requiring its students to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to accessing campus during the 2021-22 academic year.

All students living on campus or registered for classes or coop, or coming to campus for activities, athletics, events, or any other kind of anticipated on-campus presence in the 2021-22 academic year must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved exemption. This is to 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 have been shown to be safe and effective and the best way for us to ensure that we can create the most engaging and rewarding experience for everyone this fall. A fully vaccinated student population will 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.

Timeline for Getting Your Vaccine

To begin the fall semester safely, we are requiring students to be fully vaccinated by **August 14, 2021**. This means that all students must obtain their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or their sole dose of Johnson & Johnson, by **July 31, 2021**.

According to CDC guidelines, being “fully” vaccinated means having received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine **and having allowed for two weeks post vaccine**.

Submit Your Proof of Vaccination

Students must upload proof of their vaccination record through an electronic portal system. Wentworth is using [CastleBranch](#), an independent compliance company working with many colleges and universities, to provide a HIPPA-compliant, vaccine portal. This new portal will allow our students to upload all their medical vaccine documentation and to access their medical vaccine records in the future.

There are slightly different instructions for **Incoming Students** and **Returning Students** to submit your vaccination information on the [CastleBranch portal](#). Be sure to follow the instructions below that are applicable to your status.

Instructions for Incoming Students

Incoming students can access the CastleBranch portal and upload their COVID-19 vaccine documentation as well as the vaccine documentation required by the state of Massachusetts for all undergraduate and graduate students under the age of 30 including:

- MMR
- Varicella
- Tdap
- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal (for students under the age of 21)

[Learn How to Submit Your Proof of Vaccination – Incoming Students](#)

Instructions for Returning Students

Returning undergraduate and graduate students should upload the COVID-19 vaccine documentation required by Wentworth to CastleBranch.

[Learn How to Submit Your Proof of Vaccination – Returning Students](#)

International Students

Wentworth staff members have reached out directly to international students to coordinate efforts and ensuring international students are able to access COVID-19 vaccines. Students receiving [COVID-19 \[vaccines recognized by the World Health Organization\]](#) for emergency use will be accepted by Wentworth documented via the CastleBranch portal. International students and their families who need additional information or have any questions regarding required vaccinations should reach out to immunizations@wit.edu

Resources for Getting Your Vaccine

In Massachusetts, individuals can access and schedule an appointment through vaxfinder.mass.gov. More information about the COVID-19 vaccine may be accessed at this [Massachusetts state site](#).

To obtain your vaccination outside of Massachusetts, view the [CDC website](#) to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine. You may schedule an out-of-state appointment via the [CDC vaccination site](#). You do not have to obtain your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) at the same location as your first vaccination.

Exemption to Vaccination Policy

Students may seek to qualify for a medical or religious exemption under the COVID-19 vaccination policy. Students seeking exemption must upload exemption documentation via the CastleBranch portal.

Medical exemption letters must come from medical doctors. Religious exemption letters must come from a student (or from a parent/guardian for any student under age 18). Religious exemption letters should note that medical vaccines conflict with deeply held religious beliefs.

Additional Questions about Vaccination Policy

You may access additional information about Wentworth's COVID-19 vaccine policy and vaccine-related FAQs at <https://wit.edu/vaccine>. Additional questions may be directed to immunizations@wit.edu.

Faculty and Staff Vaccinations

Beginning in Summer 2021, Wentworth began strongly encouraging all faculty and staff to become fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before the launch of the 2020-21 academic year. Wentworth hosted multiple vaccination clinics for students, faculty, and staff in support of the University's collective goal of achieving a vaccinated Wentworth community. During the summer, Wentworth conducted a voluntary survey to understand COVID-19 vaccination rates among its employees. About 80% of full-time employees responded to the survey, and nearly all reported being fully vaccinated. These high vaccination rates among Wentworth's employees broadly supports the health and well-being of the Wentworth community. The University will continue to strongly encourage all employees to become vaccinated and support this sustained effort.

In Massachusetts, individuals can access and schedule an appointment through vaxfinder.mass.gov. More information about the COVID-19 vaccine may be accessed at this [Massachusetts state site](#).

To obtain your vaccination outside of Massachusetts, view the [CDC website](#) to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine. You may schedule an out-of-state appointment via the [CDC vaccination site](#). You do not have to obtain your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) at the same location as your first vaccination.

Student Experience

Daily Symptom Monitoring and CoVerified App

Wentworth is using the CoVerified app as its digital application for symptom monitoring and other COVID-19 functionality. All individuals regardless of vaccination status 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](#), which may be accessed through the [myWentworth](#) site.

Students must conduct symptom monitoring and exposure screening through CoVerified each day before either leaving their residence hall or accessing the 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 remain where they are, 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 and otherwise have been cleared to return to regular campus access 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.

Students who live with or have been notified that they have been in close contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19 should remain in their assigned campus space or 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 617-879-5220), and enter the quarantine protocol.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is critical to detect the virus and minimize the risk of spread of the virus on campus. All students 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 Program

The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard provides COVID-19 testing for Wentworth. This testing is conducted on campus and at Wentworth's expense, and participants execute a consent form allowing test results to be shared with Wentworth and CoVerified. Testing is conducted by the individual under observation by trained staff.

Wentworth conducts weekly surveillance testing for students, faculty, staff, and campus vendors in the Testing Hub located directly behind Beatty Hall off Ward Street. Surveillance tests can be scheduled through the CoVerified app. To access the scheduling function, select the testing tab and then select the calendar icon in the CoVerified app. The desktop version scheduling function is located on the right-hand sidebar menu.

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.

Symptomatic and close contact tests are conducted, on an appointment only basis. Symptomatic students should contact Optum Student Health Services to inform them of their symptoms and if appropriate, Optum will schedule a test for the student.

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 has also developed a COVID Testing Hub check-in app, which provides users a unique QR code to expedite testing check-in 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 Arrival Testing

An arrival test will be required of all students regardless of vaccination status. All students accessing campus in the fall, except students who have tested positive and are still in their 90-day immunity period, must complete an arrival test as prescribed below:

- **Residential Students** must obtain an arrival test on the day they move into their campus residence. Residential Life staff will direct arriving students to the Testing Hub during the check-in process. Residential Students who have received a vaccine exemption will also receive a rapid

test upon arrival. If the rapid test is positive for COVID-19, students may be required to return home to complete their isolation period.

- **Commuter Students** and **Students living Off Campus** will need an arrival test before their first day of classes. An arrival test can be obtained at the Testing Hub, or through a third-party testing site up to one week prior to their first on-campus class. Those obtaining a third-party test result should upload test results to the COVID-19 team for review [via this form](#). Third-Party test results should be uploaded as early as possible in the one-week timeframe to allow ample time for review, and re-testing if necessary. Third-Party test results must include the student's name, date of test collection, type of test, and test result to be accepted.

Students who have tested positive in the fourteen days prior to campus arrival should contact the COVID-19 Team (617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) to provide proof of their positive test or diagnosis, discuss the completion of the isolation period, and their 90-day immunity period.

Students who have already tested positive for COVID-19 within fourteen 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 arrival testing and weekly surveillance testing at Wentworth during this timeframe. These students must contact the COVID-19 Contact Tracing and Case Management Team (617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) 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 arrival testing requirement.

Third-Party (Non-Wentworth) Test Results

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](#). Third-Party test results must include the student's name, date of test collection, type of test, and test result to be accepted.

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.

Asymptomatic Surveillance Testing

All students accessing campus regardless of vaccination status must participate in Wentworth's surveillance testing program. All students will undergo once-a-week surveillance testing scheduled through the CoVerified at their convenience.

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 CoVerified, they may lose access to campus buildings. Restricted status will not prevent someone from accessing the Wentworth Testing Hub.

Unless directed otherwise by a member of the COVID-19 Team, students should not test more times than required. Students who believe they should test more frequently should contact the COVID-19 Team for advice.

Symptomatic Testing

Symptomatic tests are available through Optum Student Health Services (617-879-5220) at Wentworth's expense for students who present with symptoms related to COVID-19. Testing for students reporting symptoms will take place by appointment at Optum Student Health Services in the MassArt Treehouse building. Students with symptoms should call Optum Student Health Services and advise them of their symptoms and schedule a test with the Health Services staff. Anyone with symptoms or who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should not enter the Testing Hub behind Beatty Hall.

Close Contact Testing

Anyone identified as a close contact by Wentworth's COVID-19 Team that needs close contact testing on campus will be tested by appointment only. Appointment times and places will be coordinated by the COVID-19 Team. Anyone with symptoms or who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should not enter the Testing Hub behind Beatty Hall.

Residential Housing Move-In Information

Wentworth is excited to welcome students into the residential communities for the Fall 2021 semester. Students and families should be aware of the following:

- Fall move in will take place on August 31-September 1 (new students) and September 4-6 (returning students). Specific move-in day and time information will be sent directly to students.
- Students can have up to two family members assist with move in.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times while indoors during the move-in process.
- 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.

Housing and Dining Experiences

Students will find housing and dining experiences that reflect opportunities to fully engage with their peers. In limited circumstances, restrictions on room capacities will be posted. Students who are unvaccinated are required to wear an appropriate face covering while indoors.

Academic Experiences

Our ultimate goal has been the safe return of our community to the transformative, hands-on learning experiences that make Wentworth special in the classroom, labs, studios, and other learning spaces on and off campus. This fall, we make a full return to on-campus learning and a "new normal." The majority of our off-campus, academic experiences in Boston and beyond (within the US) have also returned. Our commitment to hands-on learning is stronger than ever and the lessons we learned from the pandemic will inform our ongoing commitment to excellence and innovation in STEM, design, and leadership education. To that end, learning spaces are at full capacity and our learning partners in the field are ramping up their co-op educational opportunities. We will also strive for the continuity of learning in the

case of quarantine or isolation, these practices are essential for our community's health. Please see the related policies for more information.

Athletic and Recreational Experiences

The Wentworth Leopards – both varsity and club sports teams - are back in action! Wentworth will continue to monitor guidance on healthy and safe practice and game requirements from the Commonwealth Coast Conference and public health officials. Attendance at athletic events will be determined in coordination with the Commonwealth Coast Conference rules, restrictions in place within the City of Boston or the site of the event, and public health considerations at the time of the event.

Recreation spaces, including the Schumann Fitness Center and Nelson Recreation Center, will be available to students at full capacity in the Fall 2021 semester. Appropriate cleaning measures will continue to take place within these spaces.

Social and Gathering Opportunities

Spaces around campus that allow for gatherings and engagement are open. In limited circumstances, room capacity restrictions may still be in place and will be posted. Students who are unvaccinated are required to wear an appropriate face covering while indoors. Face coverings may be required for all attendees at events or large gatherings.

Student organizations are encouraged to plan a variety of in-person and virtual events for their members and the Wentworth community. For more information on planning student-club events, please review the Student Organization Manual on MyWentworth. While in-person events can include campus visitors such as speakers and performers, student organizations must seek approval before opening an event to people outside of Wentworth. Factors that will be considered in evaluating these events will include the location of the event (indoors vs. outdoors), the size of the venue, and the number of people expected to attend, the importance of the event to the organization and to the campus community, the contribution provided by non-Wentworth attendees, and public health factors.

Visitor Policy

Wentworth recognizes the importance of opening the campus to visitors to help enrich the campus experience for the entire community. We must also recognize that visitors to campus may present a potential health risk to the community. To mitigate this risk, we are asking that anyone inviting visitors to campus do so only when those visitors contribute to the experience of our Wentworth community. Visitors are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to have a recent negative COVID-19 test and to wear a face covering while they are on campus. All approved visitors are asked to monitor their symptoms before coming on campus and to stay off campus if they exhibit any [symptoms that are commonly associated with COVID-19](#). Visitors will also be expected to

participate in Wentworth’s contact tracing and case investigation efforts in the event of a suspected exposure to COVID-19.

Residence Halls Guest Policy

To facilitate a healthy and smooth transition to the Fall 2021 semester, non-Wentworth guests will not be permitted into the residence halls until at least October 1, 2021. Guests must be vaccinated. For additional information on the guest policy in the residence halls, please review the [residential life policies on the website](#).

Travel Policy

The opportunity to travel for personal and professional development, as well as to represent the University, is a tremendous opportunity for our students. Students may resume domestic travel for athletic competitions, site visits, conferences, and other programs beginning in Fall 2021. Travelers should follow all COVID-19 related guidelines of their destination city and the Massachusetts guidelines upon return to Wentworth. All travelers, regardless of destination, should adhere to the [CDC Guidelines](#) regarding travel.

All Wentworth sponsored international travel has been suspended until further notice. We look forward to returning to a robust international study program in the Fall 2022 semester.

Return from Domestic or International Travel

Upon return from travel—both University-related and personal—Wentworth faculty, staff, and students must abide by Wentworth’s requirements. This means that:

- All travelers are expected take an arrival test as soon as they return to campus. If the arrival test is negative, travelers must also take a second test (and receive a negative result) 3 – 4 days after the first and may return to their normal testing cadence if the second test is also negative.
- Travelers returning to campus from an international (non-U.S.) destination must follow [CDC guidance on international travel](#) and [any Commonwealth of Massachusetts travel guidance](#) that may be in place.

Faculty and Staff Experience

Daily Symptom Monitoring and CoVerified App

Wentworth is using the CoVerified app as its digital application for symptom monitoring and other COVID-19 functionality. All individuals regardless of vaccination status 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](#), which may be accessed

through the [myWentworth](#) site. All faculty and staff who are coming to 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. Faculty and staff who develop symptoms while at work should leave campus as soon as possible. Please remember, if you are symptomatic, you should not take public transportation.

As soon as you are able, after symptoms develop, 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.

Faculty and staff 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 and staff receiving a positive test result will need to enter Wentworth's isolation protocol.

Faculty and staff 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.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is critical to detect the virus and minimize the risk of spread of the virus on campus. All faculty and staff coming to campus in person must participate in Wentworth's testing protocols.

Wentworth's Testing Program

The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard provides COVID-19 testing for Wentworth. This testing is conducted on campus and at Wentworth's expense, and participants execute a consent form allowing test results to be shared with Wentworth. Testing is conducted by the individual under observation by trained staff in the designated on-campus testing location.

Wentworth conducts weekly surveillance testing for students, faculty, staff, and campus vendors in the Testing Hub located directly behind Beatty Hall off Ward Street. Surveillance tests can be scheduled through the CoVerified app. To access the scheduling function, select the testing tab and then select the calendar icon in the CoVerified app. The desktop version scheduling function is located on the right-hand sidebar menu.

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.

Symptomatic faculty and staff should contact their medical professional for advice and testing. Anyone identified as a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 should contact the COVID-19 Team (617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) to discuss testing strategy and to schedule close contact testing.

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 has also developed a COVID Testing Hub check-in process that provides users a unique QR code to expedite testing check-in 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](#).

Faculty and Staff Arrival Testing

All faculty and staff accessing campus, who have not been actively testing throughout the summer must receive a negative result, within 7 days prior to returning to campus.

An arrival test can be obtained at the Testing Hub, or through a third-party testing site up to one week prior to their first on-campus class or day of work. Those obtaining a third-party test result should upload test results to the COVID-19 team for review [via this form](#). Third-Party test results should be uploaded as early as possible in the one-week timeframe to allow ample time for review, and re-testing if necessary. Third-Party test results must include the individual's name, date of test collection, and test result to be accepted.

Faculty or staff who have tested positive in the fourteen days prior to campus arrival should contact the COVID-19 Team (617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) to provide proof of their positive test or diagnosis, discuss the completion of isolation period, and their 90-day immunity period.

Faculty and staff who have been fully vaccinated are not exempt from the arrival testing requirement.

Faculty and staff who have already tested positive for COVID-19 within fourteen to ninety days of returning to campus should use their positive test result to demonstrate that they are in their immunity period. Individuals in their 90-day immunity period are exempt from arrival and weekly surveillance testing at Wentworth during this timeframe. These faculty and staff must contact the COVID-19 Team (617-989-4019; email: C19team@wit.edu) to ensure compliance with Wentworth's protocols and that their CoVerified status is correct.

If an arrival test result is positive for COVID-19, the individual 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.

Asymptomatic Surveillance Testing

All faculty and staff accessing campus, regardless of vaccination status, must participate in Wentworth's surveillance testing program. All faculty and staff will undergo once-a-week surveillance testing scheduled at their convenience. Faculty and staff only coming to campus occasionally will need a negative test result on file with Wentworth within a seven-day timeframe of accessing campus.

Failure to comply in 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 does not prevent someone from accessing the Wentworth Testing Hub.

Symptomatic and Close Contact Testing

Faculty and staff 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.

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 and staff 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 an appropriate location. Close contact testing will be arranged for close contacts by Wentworth's COVID-19 Team at pre-determined times.

Return to Campus for Faculty and Staff

With the full return to campus of our students, faculty, and staff, we must be prepared to support them and our strategic initiatives by being available to our students in ways that develop personal and powerful relationships with them.

As we adapt to new models of work, it is important to underscore that there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach to this transition, and this authorization does not mean everyone will be back on campus on day one. Rather, your supervisor will provide guidance for you and your team. We expect to see a variety of flexible approaches and varying return-to-campus dates based on respective needs and priorities.

Some teams will be expected to return to on-campus engagement five days a week, others will use a rotation of days needed to provide in-person coverage for the entire week, other teams will be remote with agreed upon days when the whole team will be together on campus. The focus is on how teams best serve our students, faculty, staff, and strategic initiatives. We encourage you to stay in touch with your supervisor for specific guidance.

Please know that the University enthusiastically recognizes the right to reasonable accommodations relating to disability, the right to reasonable accommodations relating to pregnancy and childbirth, and the right to supportive measures for those who provide fulltime care to young children, elderly parents, and family members with a disability. We also remain committed to your health and safety on campus.

To request accessibility support, accommodations, or supportive measures, please contact Executive Director of Equity and Compliance Catlin Wells by email at welsc1@wit.edu. You may also request an accommodation relating to pregnancy, childbirth, or disability by filling out this [online request form](#).

Travel Policy

The opportunity to travel for personal and professional development, as well as to represent the University, is an important opportunity for our faculty and staff, and in some cases, essential to job

functions. Faculty and staff may resume domestic travel for site visits, conferences, and other programs beginning in Fall 2021. Travelers should follow all COVID-19 related guidelines of their destination city and the Massachusetts guidelines upon return to Wentworth.

Domestic travel is allowed for all students, faculty, and staff. Travelers should follow [CDC](#) and [Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#) guidelines on travel and/or guidelines of the originating location.

Return from Domestic or International Travel

Upon return from travel—both University-related and personal—Wentworth faculty, staff, and students must abide by Wentworth’s requirements. This means that:

- All travelers are expected take an arrival test as soon as they return to campus. If the arrival test is negative, travelers must also take a second test (and receive a negative result) 3 – 4 days after the first and may return to their normal testing cadence if the second test is also negative.
- Travelers returning to campus from an international (non-U.S.) destination must follow [CDC guidance on international travel](#) and [any Commonwealth of Massachusetts travel guidance](#) that may be in place.

Events

Spaces around campus that allow for gatherings and engagement are open. In limited circumstances, room capacity restrictions may still be in place and will be posted. Faculty, staff and students who are unvaccinated are required to wear an appropriate face covering while indoors. Face coverings may be required for all attendees regardless of vaccination status at events or large gatherings.

Departments are encouraged to plan a variety of in-person and virtual events for the Wentworth community. While in-person events can include campus visitors such as speakers, guest lecturers, and industry partners, anyone planning an in-person event must seek approval from the area Vice President before opening attendance at an event to people outside of Wentworth. Factors that will be considered in evaluating these events will include the location of the event (indoors vs. outdoors), the size of the venue, and the number of people expected to attend, the importance of the event to the organization and to the campus community, the contribution provided by non-Wentworth attendees, and public health factors and considerations.

Visitor Policy

Wentworth recognizes the importance of opening the campus to visitors to help enrich the campus experience for the entire community. We must also recognize that visitors to campus may present a potential health risk to the community. To mitigate this risk, we are asking that anyone inviting visitors to campus do so only when those visitors contribute to the experience of our Wentworth community. Visitors are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to have a recent negative COVID-19 test and to wear a face covering while they are on campus. All approved visitors are asked to monitor their symptoms before coming on campus and to stay off campus if they exhibit any [symptoms that are commonly associated with COVID-19](#). Visitors will also be expected to

participate in Wentworth's contact tracing and case investigation efforts in the event of a suspected exposure to COVID-19.

Public Health Policies and Guidance

Policy on Face Masks

Wentworth's policy on wearing face masks is informed by guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the City of Boston.

Campus Outdoor Spaces

In accordance with CDC guidelines and changes in state and city outdoor masking requirements in Spring 2021, Wentworth does not require that face coverings be worn in outdoor spaces on campus.

Campus Indoor Spaces

Effective August 23, 2021, Wentworth is temporarily reinstating an indoor face covering requirement for everyone regardless of vaccination status. Wentworth is taking this precautionary step to mitigate the potential impacts of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant as the University prepares to welcome students from several states and international locations in the coming weeks. This measure will help ensure a safer student move-in process and smoother start to the fall semester classes as Wentworth resumes a vibrant and fully in-person academic and student experience.

This temporary indoor mask requirement does not apply to someone who is alone in an office space or within their own room or suite in the residence halls. Masks are not required while eating or drinking.

Wentworth will continue to monitor health and safety conditions and federal, state, and local public health guidance to determine when this temporary indoor mask requirement may be lifted again for vaccinated persons on the Wentworth campus.

Masking Considerations While Off Campus

On July 30, 2021, Massachusetts issued a new mask [advisory](#) considering the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated [guidance](#). Fully vaccinated individuals are advised to wear a mask or face covering within off-campus indoor spaces (but not their own homes) if they have a weakened immune system, or if they are at increased risk for severe disease because of their age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in their household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is an unvaccinated adult.

Masking requirements will vary in different off-campus locations depending upon whether individual businesses require masking. [Massachusetts](#) requires masks (regardless of vaccination status) in certain places, such as on public transportation and in health care, vaccination, and childcare settings. It is recommended that everyone carry a face covering so that they are able to adapt to different settings.

Policy on Handwashing and Hygiene

CDC guidance states that basic, everyday personal hygiene can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as other transmissible illnesses. Therefore, all 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.

Dashboard

Wentworth keeps 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
- Tracking of positivity rates in Massachusetts and Wentworth over time

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

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 are 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, 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.

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. Identify close contacts of the positive case and any possible transmission that might have occurred.

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. Close contacts are instructed to get tested, and Wentworth's COVID-19 Team helps schedule testing appointments.

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 approved to isolate or quarantine on campus must strictly follow the directives of University officials regarding their movement outside the space. Failure to comply with directives will result in referral to student discipline.

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 in the event they become positive. 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 that indicates they have been in close contact with someone 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 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 Team.

Protocols for quarantine are subject to change and will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state, and the local public health agencies. Current length of quarantine can vary between no quarantine required (for someone fully vaccinated) up to 14 days (for someone who is not vaccinated and remains asymptomatic).

Residential Student Quarantine Protocol

Wentworth students living in campus residence halls, who live within 200 miles of campus will be required to go home to quarantine. Those unable to go home to quarantine will be provided a quarantine space on campus and will be supported by Wentworth while in quarantine, including meal delivery. Quarantine protocols are informed by Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidance. Quarantined students may be released from 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 not be required to quarantine, but they will be asked to have a COVID-19 test on day three, four, or five after close contact.

Students who are identified as close contacts must continue to closely monitor themselves for symptoms for a ten-day period after exposure. 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, then they will remain in quarantine for a ten-day period.

Students in the quarantine protocol may only leave quarantine when cleared by Wentworth's COVID-19 Team.

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 ten 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 not be required to quarantine but will be asked to have a COVID-19 test on day three, four, or five after close contact. Students who are released from quarantine prior to completing the full ten days must continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for the remainder of the ten-day period.

Students in the quarantine protocol may only leave quarantine when cleared by Wentworth's 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 ten 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 ten days must continue to monitor themselves for symptoms for the remainder of the ten-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 ten-day period.

Wentworth faculty, staff, contractors, and vendors who have been vaccinated will not be required to quarantine, but they will be asked to produce a copy of their vaccination record and to have a COVID-19 test on day three, four, or five after close contact. 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. 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.

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 from people who are not infected." People who are in isolation should stay home until it is safe for them to be around others.

Protocols for isolation are subject to change and will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state, and local public health agencies. Current length of isolation can vary between as few as four days (for someone who is asymptomatic, fully vaccinated and has two subsequent negative tests 24-hours apart) up to ten days (for someone who is not vaccinated and is asymptomatic in the 24 hours before release from isolation). If someone remains symptomatic, isolation will continue until most symptoms have cleared for a 24-hour period.

Residential Student Isolation Protocol

Residential students who test positive for COVID-19 (but do not need to be admitted to the hospital for treatment) and live within 200 miles of campus, will be required to isolate at home. Students who test positive and who are unable to go home will be provided an isolation space on campus. Wentworth will support students in on-campus isolation space, including meal delivery.

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.

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.

Policy on Continuity of Learning

Wentworth aims to ensure the efficacy of isolation and quarantine protocols by striving for the continuity of learning in case of absences of faculty and/or students. Continuity of learning is defined as an intentional effort to utilize Universal Design for Learning Principles in combination with back up planning to minimize disruption to the learning experience during unforeseeable events.

As such, students and faculty should be prepared for cases of isolation or quarantine leading to inability to participate in-person coursework during up to a two-week period of time.

Notification of faculty/staff for student absences will be from the Dean of Students office.