

2021-22 WSC COVID Guidelines

The safety of Westminster Seminary California students, faculty, and staff continues to be our top priority for the 2021-22 academic year. WSC follows the guidance of public health organizations, including federal, state, and county agencies. The seminary administration will continue to monitor these public health guidelines and communicate important changes to the WSC community. The following WSC COVID Guidelines emphasize six areas: Face Coverings, Screening, Illness, Exposure, Positive Tests, and International Travel.

Key Terms

- *Unvaccinated Person* – Someone who has **not** completed a vaccination series to protect against COVID
- *Vaccinated Person* – A person is considered fully vaccinated for COVID more than 2 weeks after receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or more than 2 weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen) AND has received a booster.
- *Exposure* – Having been fewer than 6 feet from someone with COVID for at least 15 minutes indoors
- *COVID Symptoms* – fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
- *Quarantine* – Staying home due to COVID exposure
- *Isolation* – Staying in your room as much as possible (when living with others) due to a positive COVID test

Face Coverings

The San Diego County Health Department (SDHD) requires face coverings inside public buildings regardless of vaccination status.

Screening

Any member of the WSC community experiencing COVID symptoms should avoid campus, observe the quarantine protocols below, and get tested, regardless of vaccination status.

If You Are Experiencing COVID Symptoms

- The CDC recommends that people quarantine if they are [experiencing COVID symptoms](#). **Do not come to campus if you are experiencing COVID symptoms.** If you live in the WSC Village, please stay home, except to get tested or seek medical attention.
- If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, WSC strongly encourages you to [get tested immediately](#), regardless of vaccination status.
- If you have trouble breathing, contact your doctor immediately.
- Students who quarantine due to COVID symptoms should contact their professors immediately in order to receive class recordings and any other course materials until they are able to return to class according to these guidelines.

In Case of COVID Exposure

- Exposure guidance for **vaccinated** people:
 - The CDC requires vaccinated people to quarantine **only if they are experiencing COVID symptoms** and to get tested 5 days after exposure.
 - Vaccinated people should wear masks indoors after exposure for 10 days or until receiving a negative test.
- Exposure guidance for **unvaccinated** people:
 - Unvaccinated WSC community members who have been exposed to COVID **should quarantine for 5 days**.
 - Get tested 5 days after exposure.
 - Unvaccinated individuals may end quarantine after 5 days AND a negative COVID test on or after the fifth day of exposure.
 - Unvaccinated students who are in quarantine after being exposed to COVID should contact their professors immediately in order to receive class recordings and any other course materials until they are able to return to class according to these guidelines.

In Case of a Positive Test

- **Any member of the faculty, staff, student body, or WSC Village who tests positive for COVID should notify Dr. Marcus McArthur, Vice President for Administration, immediately (mmcarthur@wscal.edu).** If the seminary receives notification of a WSC community member who tests positive for COVID, the administration will notify affected parties under the guidance of the SDHD and provide reasonable care and accommodation for the infected individual.
- In the spirit of transparency and public health awareness, Dr. McArthur will notify the WSC community of any COVID case on campus, while protecting the identities of infected individuals strictly.

- Members of the seminary community who test positive for COVID should **isolate at home immediately**. Individuals who test positive may end isolation after meeting all of the following criteria:
 - At least 5 days have passed since positive test **AND**
 - Symptoms have improved **AND**
 - Tested negative *after* the fifth day in isolation.
- Infected individuals must quarantine for 10 days if they are unable to obtain a negative test.
- Students who are isolating at home due to testing positive should contact their professors immediately in order to receive class recordings and any other course materials until they are able to return to class according to these guidelines.

International Travel

The CDC maintains different guidelines for those entering the United States from other countries depending on the individual's vaccination status. WSC will follow [these CDC guidelines](#).

- **Unvaccinated** people entering the United States should get tested 3-5 days after arriving **and** quarantine for 7 days (even after receiving a negative test). Individuals who are unable to get tested for COVID should quarantine for 10 days after entering the United States.
- **Vaccinated** people entering the United States should get tested 3-5 days after arriving but are not required to quarantine.