

UPDATE ON COVID – 19 STUDENT ADVISORY

September 15, 2021

The Infectious Disease and Prevention Working Group continues to work hard and make recommendations on protocols that are relative to COVID – 19 and in the best interest of the University. We have had some positive cases on campus. However, our numbers are low. We attribute these low numbers to the University's decision to require all to be vaccinated and the implementation of strict protocols. In fact, the University received national recognition and was referred to as, "a vaccinated island in the sea."

<https://news.yahoo.com/virginia-hbcu-hampton-university-is-a-vaccinated-island-in-a-sea-of-covid-090055729.html> [news.yahoo.com]

I am happy to report that 96% of staff, 97% of faculty and 98% of our students are vaccinated! A special THANK YOU to everyone for your efforts to make this environment safe, healthy and an example for others to follow. Hampton University was one of the first university's in the country to require the vaccine, and we continue to lead the way.

Student isolation protocol effective September 1, 2021:

The Religious Studies Center (RSC) on Mallory Street is the designated isolation residence hall for on-campus students who test positive for COVID-19. Any student who must isolate may remain in this residence hall for the duration of isolation.

Isolation

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.

Quarantine

- Fully vaccinated asymptomatic students who have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive to COVID-19 no longer have to quarantine for 5 days. However, they should be tested 3-5 days after exposure by the COVID-19 Clinic, located in the Frank Fountain Building. A close contact is defined as one within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes or direct exposure to respiratory secretions through coughing, sneezing, sharing a glass, kissing, etc.
- Symptomatic students, regardless of vaccination status, must be tested within 3-5 days at a facility of their choice off-campus, the COVID-19 Clinic, or the Health Center and quarantine for at least 10 days.

Returning to normal campus activity

- Students in isolation will need 2 negative COVID-19 tests taken no less than 24 hours apart on a date determined by the health care provider to return to campus. Students may be tested at the Health Center.
- The Health Center will provide a clearance letter so students may return to campus and to class.

Checklist to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- **Wear face coverings at all times while on campus, indoors and outdoors.**
- Monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 and complete the Daily Health Questionnaire in the LiveSafe app prior to arriving to campus each day. Refer to the return to campus document.
- Participate in routine cleaning and disinfecting of shared spaces and surfaces.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid large crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

Visitors Policy

- There will be no in-room visitation in residence halls. All visitors are confined to the lobby.

Thank you for your support. Please email IDPWGSupport@hamptonu.edu if you have specific questions about this correspondence.

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