



# **ROSE READY**

## **COVID-19 Campus Guidelines for Rose-Hulman**



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## INTRODUCTION

Rose Ready is our comprehensive guide to help keep the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology campus and surrounding community safe by limiting the spread of COVID-19 and all variants. This latest version of the guide is intended to apply to Summer 2022. It includes the plans, tools and protocols needed for the successful continuation of campus activities while helping every member of the Rose-Hulman community stay safe and healthy. Our overall guiding principles for this work are simple:

- Maximize student, faculty and staff health and safety
- Maximize student learning

This guide serves as a living document which will continue to evolve, driven by the latest development of the virus on campus, in the local, regional, state and national communities, and the ever-expanding body of knowledge and science surrounding COVID-19 and its variants.

With the increase in cases and the extremely high transmissibility of the omicron variant, we must focus on remaining diligent in following these protocols. Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to do so to minimize the continued impact of the pandemic on our campus. Through our combined efforts and diligence, we will stay Rose Ready.

## Summer Camp Programs 2022

Students attending institute- or third-party sponsored programs/camps on campus are not required to submit proof of vaccination status. However, these individuals are still required to share with [healthservices@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:healthservices@rose-hulman.edu) if they test positive or are in close contact with a positive individual, and will be directed on appropriate next steps.





## COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

In this era of a COVID-19 pandemic, to maintain a culture in which health, safety and student learning are maximized, we believe all community members must acknowledge and accept these common responsibilities:

- At this time, wearing a face mask is optional throughout all campus spaces. However, employees may still require individuals to wear a mask while in their space(s), (e.g., classrooms, labs, and offices). Individuals should carry a mask with them at all times while indoors.
- Individuals are to stay home if they are sick; are to practice good hygiene such as washing your hands regularly; and are to adhere to safe social distancing practices as is practical.

The success of this plan is ultimately dependent upon the entire community's acknowledgment and acceptance of these common responsibilities.



## VACCINATION POLICY

The availability of safe and effective vaccines has given us another tool in the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. All vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be safe and highly effective at preventing the disease. Data from clinical trials indicate immunization may also keep you from becoming seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19 or its variants. It may also protect the people around you, including those at increased risk for serious cases of the illness.

### CURRENT DEFINITION OF BEING “FULLY VACCINATED”

To be considered fully vaccinated at Rose-Hulman, an individual must have completed the full vaccine series for either Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson and have received at least one booster, and must have submitted their vaccination records to Health Services.

If you have tested positive for COVID in the past, you are eligible to receive the booster as soon as you end your isolation. The Pfizer vaccine is available at our campus Health Clinic by appointment. Based on current recommendations from the CDC and FDA, we will not be accepting the COVID antibody test as a replacement for the booster.

Rose-Hulman’s policy is as follows:

- **All Rose-Hulman students and employees are required to submit proof of vaccination (and booster as outlined above) against COVID-19 to Health Services ([healthservices@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:healthservices@rose-hulman.edu)) in order to be excused from any required surveillance testing.**

Individuals who have received a vaccine not listed above should contact Health Services to provide that information.

- **Students and employees who have not submitted their proof of vaccination to Health Services may be required to participate in surveillance testing.**
  - There are no plans for on-campus surveillance testing during the months of June and July, regardless of vaccination status.

### GETTING VACCINATED ON CAMPUS

Rose-Hulman’s Health Clinic is currently offering the Pfizer vaccine and booster during their open hours. Please visit [this My Rose-Hulman](#) post for details on how to schedule your appointments for the initial and booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine, and [this page](#) for answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the on-campus vaccination process.

## HOW TO REPORT YOUR VACCINATION RECORD - Summer 2022 Update

All students who plan to return to Rose-Hulman for the fall quarter, as well as all employees, should continue to submit updated proof of COVID-19 vaccination status to Health Services ([healthservices@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:healthservices@rose-hulman.edu)) as that changes; for example, getting a second booster shot, receiving an initial vaccination, etc.

For those receiving their vaccinations off campus, immediately after receiving your booster or completing the initial vaccination series, send your vaccination card (preferred) or vaccination records provided by your health care provider to [healthservices@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:healthservices@rose-hulman.edu). Health Services will maintain and update records for those receiving vaccinations on campus.

### Additional information:

Vaccinations are just one more layer of protection for you, your family, and our community. Please join us by getting immunized and help us bring the best of Rose-Hulman to the ongoing fight against COVID-19.

If you have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, please talk with your doctor. If you have questions about the on-campus vaccination process, please contact Health Services. You can also review some commonly asked questions at these links from the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and [Johns Hopkins](https://www.hopkins.edu).

According to the CDC, individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 should still be vaccinated, including getting a booster, as health experts do not yet know how long you are protected from possibly getting the virus again after recovering from COVID-19.

If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, the CDC recommends waiting 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received.

### Did you know?

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you can still receive a booster as soon your isolation period ends.

## COVID-19 TESTING

### SURVEILLANCE TESTING

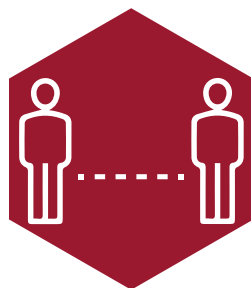
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### ISOLATION GUIDELINES (POSITIVE CASES)

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for five days regardless of vaccination status.

The date the positive test is taken counts as day zero. If no symptoms have occurred (asymptomatic) by day five, the individual may return to class and work on day six. Individuals should continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days and follow the campus masking policy when isolation ends.

Students and employees reporting to campus who test positive or are deemed a close contact should contact [Health Services](#).



Social Distance



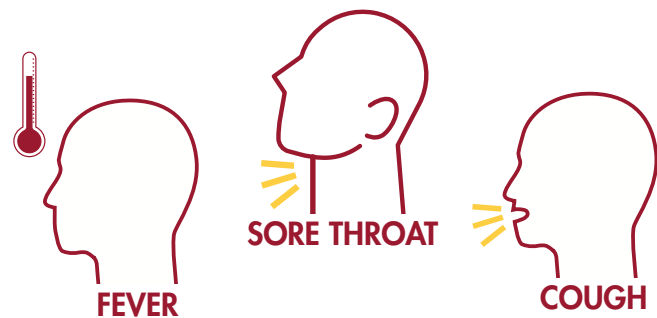
Wash Your Hands

## SYMPTOM & WELL-BEING MONITORING

If you are not feeling well and display fever, chills, or flu-like symptoms (See full list of symptoms below) **do not go to class or work, regardless of your vaccination status**. Call Health Services (812-877-8367) or your personal physician. Health Services will discuss your symptoms for you and recommend next steps. This could include continuing normal activity while monitoring symptoms, coming to the clinic for a COVID-19 test, or other recommended measures.

At this time, these symptoms include one or more of the following:

- Fever of 100.4° F (38.0° C)
- Since your last day of class or work, or last visit here, any of the following symptoms:
  - Cough or change in your cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or have at least two of these symptoms:
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
- Those with a temperature of 100.4°F or above or two or more of any of the symptoms (not chronic), will need to closely monitor their health status and report persistent and problematic symptoms. Please do not leave your residence until you are symptom free or have discussed with a health care professional.



**It is important to note the symptoms you report should be new and or acute symptoms** and not explainable by any other underlying health condition or recent increase in activity (muscle aches) or untreated symptoms such as seasonal allergies.

For COVID-related questions, or to discuss your health screening, please call the COVID Hotline (812-877-8776) in the Health Services Office. If you reach a recording, please leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned.

If you think you have COVID-19, follow CDC's guidance on "[What to do if you are sick.](#)" If you have an [emergency warning sign](#) (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.

Health Services is open 7:30 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday. If you need to reach the Health Services Nurse Practitioner after hours, please contact the Office of Student Affairs and they will assist you. If you need to be evaluated after hours, please go to:

<b>Convenient Care:</b> 221 S. Sixth Street	• Monday-Friday	8 a.m.-8 p.m.
	• Saturday	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
	• Sunday	1-5 p.m.



## CASE REPORTING

### POSITIVE CASE REPORTING

Students reporting to campus who test positive or are deemed a close contact should contact [Health Services](#).

## PERSONAL HEALTH SAFETY PRACTICES & PROTOCOLS

By wearing face coverings when appropriate, practicing social distancing and good personal hygiene, we can all be good stewards in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Masks are available for all Rose-Hulman faculty and staff.

According to current CDC interim guidance, KN95 masks can be reused up to five times as long as the respirator maintains its structural and functional integrity and the filter material is not physically damaged, soiled, or contaminated. The key consideration for safe limited reuse is that the respirator must maintain its fit and function.

Care should be taken when storing masks intended for reuse. To prevent microbial propagation, masks should not be stored in sealed non-breathable containers or plastic bags.

### FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS

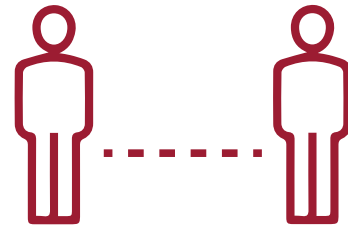
- Wearing a face mask is optional throughout all campus spaces. However, employees may still require individuals to wear a mask while in their space(s), (e.g., classrooms, labs, and offices). Individuals should carry a mask with them at all times while indoors.
- As we've learned more about COVID-19, guidance on masks has evolved. We now know that a surgical mask is better than cloth; a KN95 is better than surgical. Neck gaiters are not considered an acceptable face covering and should not be worn as an infection control measure. Also, N95 masks with the exhalation valve should not be worn as an infection control measure.
- Face shields are not a replacement for face coverings.
- Employees are not expected to wear masks while working alone in their office.
- Face mask requirements will not apply to members of the Institute who live in Institute-owned or operated residential facilities, when they are in their private residential hall rooms.
- It is the responsibility of all employees to ensure that campus visitors follow these policies.
- Clear masks are available for any student or faculty member needing a clear mask as part of an accessibility-related need. Students should coordinate through Patty Eaton in Student Accessibility Services. Employees should coordinate through Alvin Lee in Human Resources.



## SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

Utilizing social and physical distancing measures is another important and required tool in minimizing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- Eliminate contact with others (hand-shaking, hugging).
- Avoid touching common surfaces where possible, and ensure frequent hand-washing or hand-sanitizing.



Please watch  
**YOUR  
DISTANCE.**

## PERSONAL HYGIENE PRACTICES

Good hygiene and protective measures against illness are instrumental in containing the spread of any virus. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors have a role in reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19 by taking the same steps to protect yourself against infection from the flu and common cold, which include:

- Wear face coverings as appropriate. (See above guidance on face coverings.)
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and immediately dispose of the used tissue.
- Utilize secondary handwashing or sanitizing stations that are set up with either hand sanitizer or wipes/towelettes.
- Avoid shaking hands with others.

## CLEANING & DISINFECTANT PRACTICES

- Campus community members shall proactively disinfect personal workstations in addition to shared areas or items (e.g., conference rooms, equipment, workstations) before and after use if they choose.
- Departments, where feasible, shall remove high-touch items such as magazines, common pens, candy dishes, etc.
- Advanced cleaning protocols are in place, which include cleaning throughout the day and additional disinfecting at night. We are working diligently to ensure the safest products are being utilized for our campus community.
- Only designated and trained Institute staff should perform detailed cleaning. Detail cleaning of all spaces will occur outside of business hours. High-touch or high-traffic areas including exterior entrances, restrooms, and corridors will receive attention throughout the workday.

## CAMPUS LIFE

The ability to safely participate in the non-academic aspects of Rose-Hulman is critical to the success and vitality of our community. While the out-of-classroom experience for our students may continue to look different, policies and procedures have been created in order to help maintain as many activities as possible.

### RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Outside visitors to campus including parents, family members, and friends are permitted in the residence halls.

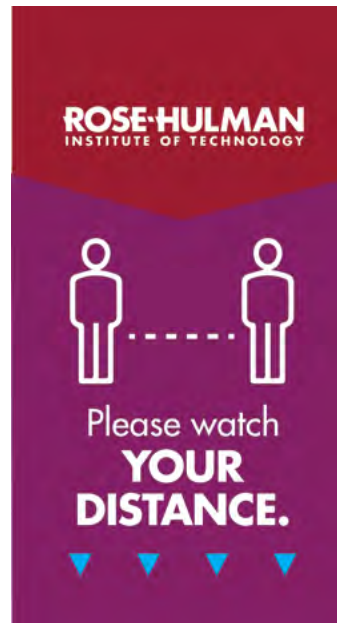
- Individuals on campus who are hosting outside visitors in residence halls are responsible for determining their vaccination status and managing their behaviors on campus. Fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated visitors must follow the on-campus masking and social distancing policies in place for faculty, staff and students at the given time.
- The residential custodial steward staff will clean individual residence hall rooms such as taking out the trash, vacuuming, and providing new, clean linen. Staff will coordinate specific days and times for rooms to be cleaned with students.
- Housekeeping staff will also be making extra efforts in public areas (lobbies, hallways, bathrooms, etc.).
- Rose-Hulman students will have ID swipe access to the residence halls and will be expected to follow all visitation policies and expectations outlined in the Student Handbook.
- Overnight guests are permitted but under no circumstances is cohabitation allowed.

For questions about Residence Life, please contact Director of Residence Life [Cory Pardieck](#).



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