

**Lesley University COVID-19 Testing, Symptomatic, and Response Protocols as of 9-8-2021
Subject to Change at the University's Discretion**

Please direct any questions about this protocol to COVID_Update@lesley.edu.

As a reminder, all students and employees on campus and in public spaces in Cambridge must wear masks when indoors and in the presence of others. Anyone who tests positive or is a close contact of someone who tests positive must wear masks whenever in the presence of others in any location until cleared pursuant to medical advice and the procedures below.

Testing Requirements for Certain Students and Employees Coming to Campus

Students living on campus and all students coming from outside the U.S. are required to present proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival and to be retested (using a PCR test) within a week of coming to campus.

There will be weekly pooled PCR surveillance testing of students and staff living in residence halls.

Students and employees who are unvaccinated due to religious or medical exemptions are required to present proof of a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before first coming to campus and to participate in pooled PCR testing twice a week thereafter.

Pooled PCR surveillance testing may be required for additional students and employees coming to campus over the course of the Fall Semester. More information about that will be provided in the coming days and weeks.

Cataldo Ambulance Service will be conducting COVID-19 testing on campus for students and employees currently required to be tested. The Office of the Dean of Student Life and the Office of Human Resources will provide scheduling and location information to students and employees who are required to participate in the weekly pooled testing.

If there is a positive COVID-19 test result through pooled PCR testing, there will be follow-up individual testing with each person in the affected pool. The University will follow the positive test, symptomatic, and close contact procedures set forth below.

Positive Test Results – Reporting and Response

Reporting Positive Test Results

The University will have information about COVID-19 positive test results obtained through the University's testing protocol for designated on-campus students and employees. The University will contact individuals who test positive, including if they are part of a positive test pool.

[Contact tracing](#) in conjunction with Cambridge Public Health Department guidance will be conducted.

Any student or employee who is approved to be on campus and tests positive for COVID-19 outside of the University's testing protocol must immediately report that to COVID_Update@lesley.edu and to the [Dean of Student Life](#) (for students) or Human Resources [Human Resources](#) (for employees).

Those who test positive must share a list of any close contacts with Lesley and local public health officers for contact tracing. The CDC defines [close contacts](#) as those who were within six feet of a person who tested positive for a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period.

Close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases in the Lesley community will be alerted and provided with instructions and information, including requirements for staying off campus or in the residence hall rooms (for residential students) and testing.

Lesley will endeavor to maintain confidentiality of the infected person but will identify the infected person as necessary for contact tracing purposes and for implementing these protocols.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

If the results of a pooled test indicate that at least one person in the pool is positive, each person in that pool must:

- [Isolate.](#)
- [Get re-tested by taking](#) an individual PCR test on the next available testing day (and, if the pooled test result is returned during a weekend, at the University's discretion, also take a rapid antigen test if they are either vaccinated and symptomatic or unvaccinated).
- Follow the additional steps below.

Any individual who tests positive (regardless of vaccination status or whether a residential or commuting student or employee) pursuant to an individual PCR or antigen test must [isolate](#) for at least ten days and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without the use of fever reducing medications) and improvement in other symptoms. They may only return to campus activity when cleared by the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees) and submitting a negative COVID-19 PCR test.

Any indoor area of the school visited by the COVID -19 positive individual will be cleaned and disinfected.

Residential students and employees who test positive for COVID-19 must:

- Stay in their rooms until further instruction.
- Move to a space designated for COVID-19-positive cases for a period of at least ten days of [isolation](#).
- Receive meals delivered from Dining Services with contactless delivery.
- Await contact from Student Health Services or Residential Life
- Identify personal contacts and assist the school in contact tracing efforts.
- Answer the call from the local board of health or tracing collaborative.
- Only return to campus activity when cleared by the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).

Commuting students, faculty, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must:

- [Isolate](#) in their homes for a period of at least ten days.
- Consult their physician or other healthcare provider.
- Notify personal contacts and assist the school in contact tracing efforts.
- Answer the call from the local board of health or tracing collaborative.
- Return to campus activity when cleared by the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).

Close contacts of individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases in the Lesley community will be alerted and provided with instructions and information, including requirements for staying off campus and testing, following the “Close Contact Exposure – Reporting and Response” protocols below.

Lesley will endeavor to maintain confidentiality of the infected person but will identify the infected person as necessary for contact tracing purposes and for implementing these protocols.

Close Contact Exposure – Reporting and Response

The CDC defines [close contacts](#) as those who were within six feet of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period. The time period for contact tracing is defined as contact beginning two days before onset of symptoms (or the date a positive test was taken, if asymptomatic). The contract tracer will instruct close contacts to get tested according to established protocols.

Reporting Close Contact Exposure

Any student or employee who is approved to be on campus and learns that they are a [close contact](#) of a COVID-19-positive person, whether on campus or off campus, must immediately report that to COVID_Update@lesley.edu and to the [Dean of Student Life](#) (for students) or Human Resources [Human Resources](#) (for employees)..

Asymptomatic [close contacts](#)

Close contacts who are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic will follow the protocol set forth below under “Vaccinated Close Contacts,” which will allow them to continue with campus activities under certain conditions.

Close contacts who are not vaccinated will follow the protocol set forth below under “Unvaccinated Close Contacts.”

Symptomatic [close contacts](#)

The University will implement the procedures under the “Possible COVID-19 Symptoms – Reporting and Response” protocols below.

Vaccinated [close contacts](#)

[Close contacts](#) who are vaccinated

- Will not need to [quarantine](#) unless they are symptomatic.
- Must obtain proof of a negative PCR test taken no sooner than the fifth day after exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual and as directed by the University.
- Remain in contact with the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).

Close contacts who are fully vaccinated and symptomatic must follow the procedures under the “Possible COVID-19 Symptoms – Reporting and Response” protocols below.

Unvaccinated [close contacts](#)

Unvaccinated residential students and employees who are [close contacts](#) must:

- [Quarantine](#) for up to ten days
- First stay in their rooms until further instruction
- Move to a space designated for COVID-19-positive cases
- Receive meals delivered from Dining Services with contactless delivery.
- Await contact from Student Health Services or Residential Life
- Must obtain proof of a negative PCR test taken no sooner than the fifth day after exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual and as directed by the University.
- Only return to campus activity when cleared by the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).

Unvaccinated commuting students, faculty, and staff who are [close contacts](#) must:

- [Quarantine](#) in their homes for up to ten days.
- Consult their physician or other care provider.
- Must obtain proof of a negative PCR test taken no sooner than the fifth day after exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual and as directed by the University.
- Only return to campus activity when cleared by the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).

Close contacts who are not vaccinated and are symptomatic must also follow the procedures under the “Possible COVID-19 Symptoms – Reporting and Response” protocols below.

Possible COVID-19 Symptoms – Reporting and Response

Reporting Symptoms

Any student or employee who is approved to be on campus and has any new or changed symptoms that could be consistent with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) must immediately report that to COVID_Update@lesley.edu and to the [Dean of Student Life](#) (for students) or Human Resources [Human Resources](#) (for employees)) and must immediately stay off campus or in their on-campus residence rooms until further instruction. The health of our community relies in part on individual attention and responsibility, including notifying the University of possible illness. Please note that some symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other illnesses.

Students will be contacted by Student Health Services or Residential Life.

Employees must consult their physician or other healthcare provider.

Lesley will not inform other students and employees if an individual has symptoms until the University implements the COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 close contact procedures under these protocols.

Response for Symptoms

Students and employees who have new or changed symptoms that could be consistent with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) must [isolate](#) and then take the following steps before returning to campus activities:

- Submit proof of a negative PCR test.
- Have improvement in symptoms.
- Have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (e.g. Tylenol, Motrin, etc.).
- If symptoms are significant and an evaluation is performed by a Student Health Services (for residential students) or their healthcare provider (for commuting students and employees) and an alternative diagnosis is reached (strep, etc.), they may return to school based on medical guidance.

- Be cleared to return by the Dean of Student Life (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).