



Reinhardt University

Revised COVID-19 Protocols for 2021-22
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Expectations

With significant progress in our country's effort to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and new CDC guidelines, Reinhardt University is modifying its COVID-19 policies. Even with the good progress, the University will continue to educate and remind students, faculty, and staff of their responsibility to practice all of the behaviors known to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and continue encouraging members of the University Community to be vaccinated against the disease. Those who are completely immunized should feel comfortable coming to campus. For those who are not, we will keep protocols in place that will keep you as safe as possible on campus.

Vaccination Protocol

Although the University does not currently require COVID-19 vaccination, all members of the Reinhardt community are strongly encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination is a critical component to protect the University community and help end the pandemic. We also encourage you to consult with your primary care physician about the benefits and risks of vaccination. Individuals who have previously tested positive are still encouraged to be vaccinated unless they are currently ill. Benefits of being fully vaccinated with COVID-19 immunization include:

- Increased immunity against the COVID-19 virus.
- Exemption from quarantine after known exposure to COVID-19 *if without symptoms*.
- The ability to gather unmasked in closed-door spaces with other fully vaccinated people following capacity guidelines.

It is strongly recommended that students coming to campus for Fall 2021 complete the full COVID-19 vaccination series at least 2 weeks before coming to campus for the Fall 2021 term. We will follow the CDC's guideline that states, in general, an individual is fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Any students needing assistance to be vaccinated should contact the Student Health Center for support at (770) 720-5542 or studenthealthcenter@reinhardt.edu.

For those who will not be vaccinated for medical, religious or other personal reasons, the University's Student Health Center will require information on a student's vaccination status on

a case-by-case basis to ensure their safety on campus either in the residence halls, athletics activities, classroom or workplace.

Please Note: Certain educational programs and other activities might require students to be fully vaccinated to participate in their program/activity based on partnership agreements or health concerns. Please see your school dean and/or program coordinator regarding specific requirements.

Vaccination Status Protocol

The University's commitment to the health and safety of its community is strengthened with vaccination. Vaccination remains the most effective way to bring this pandemic to an end and prevent a resurgence in local and campus communities. While the vaccine is not required to be on Reinhardt's campus, students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to receive immunization. **As part of the Flight Ready process, all Fall 2021 students will be asked to provide evidence of their vaccination status or provide a waiver form to the University.**

This information, in whole, will inform the Student Health Center to what degree Reinhardt's student body is vaccinated, which indicates the degree to which we may need to respond to COVID-19 health issues on campus. For individuals, this medical information will only be used (1) to create generalized data reporting on how many students on campus are vaccinated and (2) by the Campus Nurse or other need-to-know University officials in the event a student needs medical attention.

Reinhardt's confidential process for declaring vaccine status will be through Student Health Center's Mediat platform. There are two ways to complete the vaccine status requirement

- (1) Proof of Vaccination or
- (2) Vaccination Exemption [medical, religious or other personal reasons].

You may log into Mediat using your Reinhardt credentials. The deadline to complete the vaccine requirement process is August 13.

Face Covering/Mask Protocol

Fully vaccinated individuals (2-weeks from receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) can resume campus classes and other activities without wearing a mask or face covering. To be clear, **anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small, without wearing a face covering/mask or physical distancing.**

Unvaccinated and immunocompromised individuals are strongly encouraged to continue wearing a face covering/mask while inside campus facilities. The CDC encourages those who have not been vaccinated to wear a face covering/mask outside when social distancing is not possible, and wear a face covering/mask inside buildings unless occupying a private space such as a residence hall room or office by themselves.

Anyone can elect to wear a face covering/mask regardless of vaccine status. Reinhardt University's face covering/mask protocol is as follows:

- **Indoor spaces** – Face Covering/Masks are encouraged, not required in all indoor spaces. Unvaccinated and immunocompromised persons are encouraged to wear face coverings/masks in public hallways, common spaces, and public restrooms in all administrative, academic, dining, residential and recreational facilities. Residential students will not be asked to wear face coverings/masks when inside their residence hall room. Students will not be asked to wear face coverings/masks when alone in an enclosed study room. **However, academic instructors can elect to require face coverings/masks to be worn in their offices, classrooms, laboratories, studios and performing arts settings as an element of their classroom management and policy.**
- **Outdoor Spaces** – In outdoor areas where social distance can be maintained, face coverings/masks are not required. Individuals may choose not to wear a face covering/mask.
- **Accommodations** – Reasonable accommodations may be made for those who are unable to wear face coverings/masks for documented health reasons.

Events and Social Distancing Protocol

Reinhardt University's Events and Social Gathering Protocol is based on a goal to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campus and protect the health and safety of our community. Fully vaccinated individuals (2-weeks after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) can resume campus activities without physically distancing. Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue socially distancing themselves from others when possible. All on or off-campus events and social gatherings involving and/or sponsored by the University must comply with public health orders in place at that time (federal, state, county, city) as well as in compliance with CDC, State of Georgia and University guidelines.

Residence Halls Visitation Protocol

Residence halls will operate within the regular visitation policy. Guests may visit other residence halls and rooms within a residence hall during established visitation hours.

Academic Classroom Protocol

Classroom seating will be returned to near normal, pre-COVID-19 spacing. That said, instructors can elect to require face coverings/masks to be worn in their offices, classrooms, laboratories, studios and performing arts settings as an element of classroom management and policy.

Exposure, Quarantine, Isolation Protocol

Reinhardt University will continue to administer COVID-19 testing, follow quarantine/isolation procedures and conduct contact tracing. If a member of the University (faculty, staff or student) is exposed, develops COVID-19-like symptoms regardless of vaccination status or tests positive

for COVID-19, they are to contact the Campus Nurse within the Student Health Center immediately at (770) 720-5542 or studenthealthcenter@reinhardt.edu.

- **Exposure to COVID-19** – A person who is found to be in direct contact with a laboratory tested positive person or who has pending test results will be placed in quarantine on campus or at their permanent residence.
 - Note: Students, faculty, and staff who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms.
- **COVID-19 Positive** – A laboratory tested positive person for COVID-19 will be placed in isolation on campus in Smith-Johnston Hall or at their permanent residence.

COVID-19 Testing Protocol

COVID-19 Testing is available on campus for students, faculty and staff through the Student Health Center and the Athletic Training Office. Reinhardt University has partnered with Priority Laboratories (PL) to provide on-campus COVID-19/SARS 2 testing. This program will utilize Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing to provide a more precise result. It is viewed as the preferred testing method for infection disease programs. To schedule a test please contact the Student Health Center or the Athletic Training Office.

Student Life Protocol

Reinhardt expects to resume traditional student life activities beginning Fall 2021. Mitigation practices as recommended by the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health should be practiced and observed during these activities.

Athletics Protocol

Reinhardt University Athletics will follow University and athletic conference guidelines (NAIA) for Covid-19.

Policy and Protocol Updates and Changes

All guidance and protocols listed here are subject to change based on recommendations from the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health.