



Reinhardt University – COVID-19 Updates

As we are heading into the Fall 2022 semester, Reinhardt's health protocols have evolved to reflect the changing nature of the virus, the benefits of improve prevention efforts and treatments, and the collective community immunity status to COVID-19. Although, we are now able to manage coronavirus similarly to other endemic respiratory viruses, we will continue to adhere to health protocols to ensure the safety of the University community.

Reinhardt will continue to rely on the guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the recommendations from our state and local health departments as we set university policy and protocols.

Reinhardt is committed to the safety of our community and mitigating the spread and harmful effects of Covid-19. Reinhardt will continue to educate and remind students, faculty, and staff of their responsibility to practice all the behaviors known to reduce the spread of COVID-19, as well as to report COVID-19 symptoms, positive test results and exposures.

Reinhardt will follow these COVID-19 protocols.

- **Covid-19 Reporting Protocol**

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive, or have had significant exposure to someone who has tested positive, regardless of vaccination status or tests positive for COVID-19 you must contact the Student Health Center immediately at studenthealthcenter@reinhardt.edu. DO NOT come to campus or attend classes or other university related activities until you have clearance from a SHC staff member to do so. Even if you are fully vaccinated and you are exposed to COVID you MAY not have to quarantine, but you do have to contact the Student Health Center and be approved to return to campus.

- **Vaccination Protocol**

All faculty, staff and students are urged, not required, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccination booster. We also encourage you to consult with your primary care physician about the benefits and risks of vaccination. The standard for being compliant for all students and employees is to meet the [CDC definition](#) of being “fully vaccinated.” We also recommend that all students and employees (a) get booster shots and (b) strongly consider getting one of the newer vaccines that we expect will be introduced in the near future to specifically target the highly contagious omicron variant when those vaccines become available.

Vaccination Status Protocol for Students: All students are required to provide evidence of their vaccination status or provide a waiver form to the University through Student Health Center's Medicaat platform. To do so, students may log into [Medicaat](#) using their Reinhardt credentials.

- **Face Covering/Mask Protocol**

Masks are optional indoors in all campus spaces. However, faculty and staff may continue to require masks in their individual indoor classrooms, personal offices, and workspaces.

- **Testing Protocol**

The Student Health Center will continue to offer and perform free diagnostic COVID-19 testing for the University community.

- **Exposure and Isolation Protocol**

Reinhardt University will follow CDC guidelines pertaining to exposure, isolation procedures and conduct contact tracing. Click [here](#) for the detailed Student Health Center Exposure and Isolation protocol. Specifically, students, staff and faculty who test positive should isolate themselves off-campus for a period of at least five days, until they are fever-free and their symptoms are improving. Wearing a mask for an additional 5 days is also recommended. Students who test positive for COVID-19 while on campus will still be required to isolate off campus at their primary residence, unless approved to stay in the University's isolation facility.

Because COVID-19 continues to be a dynamic situation, we may have to amend our current policies based on recommendations from the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health.

Thank you again for your continued support and for doing your part to keep our University community safe.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Students