

**Walla Walla Community College**  
**CAMPUS COVID-19 PLAN**  
**2022-2023 Academic Year**



WWCC Pandemic Task Force

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## Purpose & Focus

Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) has developed this Campus Covid-19 Plan in accordance with local county Health Departments, the Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH), the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This plan provides information for employees and students on how WWCC plans to limit the spread of Covid-19 among the campus community.

Pursuant to [RCW 70.05.070](#) and [WAC 246-110-020](#), WWCC will comply with the local health jurisdictions in the event they require more stringent practices to control the spread of Covid-19 than are noted in this plan.

## Reporting Concerns

President Dr. Chad Hickox has designated Tracy Klem, Director of Safety and Security, as the WWCC COVID-19 Supervisor. He is responsible for monitoring and updating this plan and ensuring compliance.

Students may report concerns related to the WWCC COVID-19 response directly to their instructors and employees may report concerns directly to their supervisors. All individuals may also report concerns, safety issues or violations regarding this plan and the College's response to the WWCC COVID-19 Supervisor, Tracy Klem, Director of Safety and Security at 509-526-5317 (SAFE) or [campussafety@wwcc.edu](mailto:campussafety@wwcc.edu). Any members of the WWCC campus community are asked to report if they have been exposed or have become infected.

## Strategies for Prevention of Illness

To inhibit spread of Covid-19, WWCC requires:

If you have [symptoms](#), stay away from campus and test for Covid-19

- Up to 10 free tests monthly- <https://sayyescovidhometest.org/>
- If you become infected, let your supervisor or instructor know so precautions can be taken, a person is contagious with Covid-19 48 hours prior to symptom onset
- If you are infected or are a close contact with an infected person, follow the directions of the [CDC isolation and exposure calculator](#) (outline for requirements on next page)

WWCC recommends:

- Stay up to date with vaccinations- see [CDC booster eligibility calculator](#)
- Members of the campus community who are susceptible to illness are encouraged to wear face coverings
- Monitor the [Covid-19 Community level for your county](#) to regulate your level of caution
- Frequent handwashing & sanitization is encouraged for the campus community
- Being cognizant of your distance from others is encouraged

## When to Isolate

Isolation applies when someone tested positive for COVID-19 or has [symptoms](#), regardless of vaccination status. It is when someone who has COVID-19 symptoms, or has tested positive, stays home and away from others (including household members) to avoid spreading their illness. An employee or student who has been in isolation may return to campus under the following conditions:

<p><b>Employees and students who are symptomatic or tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not return to campus for at least 5 days after the positive test or symptom onset.</li> <li>• Isolation ends and they can return to campus after 5 full days if employee has had no symptoms or their symptoms are improving and they are fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication.</li> <li>• If they continue to have a fever or their other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, isolation does not end until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their other symptoms have improved.</li> <li>• When returning to campus, they must wear a <a href="#">well-fitting upgraded mask*</a> on campus for 5 additional days.</li> <li>• If symptoms get worse or new symptoms occur, the employee should isolate until a medical professional or a negative test confirms symptoms are not related to COVID-19 or the isolation period ends as described above.</li> <li>• If an employee was severely ill or are immunocompromised, they should let WWCC know, isolate at least 10 days and consult a doctor before ending isolation.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Employees and students who test positive for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic, regardless of vaccination status.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not return to campus for at least 5 days after the positive test.</li> <li>• Isolation ends after 5 full days if the employee has not developed any symptoms.</li> <li>• When returning to campus, they must wear a well-fitting upgraded mask* at the worksite for 5 additional days.</li> <li>• If symptoms develop, follow requirements for isolation when symptomatic above.</li> </ul>
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\*Upgraded masks referenced above include double masking, KN 95s, or N 95s. Fit testing is not required under these circumstances as long as the employee has a choice in which mask to wear or the mask requirement is for source control (keeping the workplace and others safe during the remainder of the 10-day isolation or quarantine period).

## If You Have Been Exposed

Wear an upgraded mask on campus for 10 days from last exposure, and get tested on day 6. If you develop symptoms at any time, get tested. If you test positive or have onset of [symptoms](#), follow the isolation protocol.

If adequate testing supplies are available, you may test for COVID-19 3-5 days after your last exposure per DOH guidelines. If you test negative by an antigen test, retest with an antigen test 24-48 hours after the first negative test. If the second test is negative, but concerns exist for COVID-19, you may retest 24-48 hours after the second negative test, for a total of at least 3 tests. If you get a negative result on the third test and are concerned you could have COVID-19, you may choose to test again using an antigen test, consider getting a laboratory molecular-based test, or call your health care provider.

## WWCC Response Protocols for a Suspected or Confirmed Case

In the event of a suspected spread of Covid-19 within our campus community, WWCC will take the following steps:

- Campus Security, or designee, may contact the local health department to receive specific guidance for how to proceed for the rest of the campus and determine if temporary closure/offcampus facilities is needed
- Initiate cleaning and disinfecting protocols per [CDC guidelines](#)
- If asked by the Public Health department, WWCC may assist in identifying close contacts to the individual
  - WWCC may identify and notify people they have been in close contact with on campus; close contact is defined as someone the infected person had face-to-face contact with within 6 feet for a cumulative total of more than 15 minutes within a 24 hour period
  - WWCC may locate contact information for persons identified as possible close contacts
  - The local health department will determine who is considered a close contact
- If WWCC is needed to assist in notification of close contacts, WWCC will
  - Keep the name of the person who tested positive confidential
  - Tell the individual they have contacted the local health department and will be in contact with further instructions
  - Ask that they mask with an upgraded mask (double masking, KN-95 or N-95) while on campus
  - Ask that they follow any guidance that the health department gives them
  - Refer them to any internal resources or guidance
- WWCC will communicate via email a confirmed or suspected positive case by notifying all students, employees or visitors who were in close proximity to the infected individual

## Community Levels

WWCC will monitor community levels per the [CDC Community Level website](#). The members

of the campus community are encouraged to follow the CDC guidance advertised on this website for current level. In the event of a high community level, WWCC will communicate with the local health department and comply any guidance they provide per [RCW 70.05.070](#) and [WAC 246-110-020](#).

## **Accountability**

WWCC has a responsibility to comply with all requirements set by State of Washington and PublicHealth agencies. Failure to do so could result in fines, penalties, or temporary closure, and the ultimate desire is to keep the campus community safe from spread of infectious disease. Accommodations are allowable for individuals who are unable to follow the requirements due to a documented disability or medical reason. Those accommodations will consist of remote learning or work, or some manner of facial covering so as not to endanger the campus community. If any person who has been directed to leave campus pursuant to the provisions of this plan refuses to leave campus, that refusal may be deemed as an act that could represent a safety or security concern to the college.

Appropriate law enforcement may be called and the non-compliant subject may be trespassed from the campus per [WWCC Policy 3550](#) The individual issuing the trespass will submit written documentation of the trespass to the WWCC Security and Environmental Health and Safety Department.

- If a student does not comply with safety requirements, it will be considered a student conduct issue and the employee will direct the student to leave immediately and contact the administrator/supervisor for their department
- If an employee does not comply with safety requirements, the supervisor will direct the employee to leave immediately and contact Human Resources at [HR@wwcc.edu](mailto:HR@wwcc.edu)
- If a visitor does not comply with safety requirements, the employee will direct the person to leave immediately; Campus Security can assist with non-compliant individuals and can be reached at 509-526-7233. If campus security is not available, the employee may call police pursuant to policy 3150 for trespass of the individual pursuant to the aforementioned guidelines