



Walnut Hill College

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IMPORTANT CAMPUS HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Please read this information carefully as it relates to
our health and safety protocols for this fall.**

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

The college remains fully committed to carefully monitoring and responding to new information about COVID-19. The CDC has recently released guidance for colleges which we are reviewing as we update our protocols for this fall. These will be based on those recommendations as well as requirements of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Although the College **STRONGLY ENCOURAGES** all students to get vaccinated, at this time we will not *require* students to be vaccinated. However, should conditions related to COVID-19 change, issues such as the Delta variant continue to surge or other related emergencies, the college will change its policies as needed.

To attend Walnut Hill College in the fall, all students are required **to report their vaccination status** as either 'vaccinated' or 'not vaccinated'.

If you are planning to attend classes at Walnut Hill College this August, you MUST complete this very short survey by Friday, August 6th.

Please access the survey by clicking this link
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/whcvac>.

This information will be strictly confidential and only be viewed by select college administrators.

Since the College is not requiring all students to be vaccinated, our protocols for next year will be based on guidance related to “vaccinated students or students who are not vaccinated”. Walnut Hill College’s priority remains the health and safety of the entire college community. As of this writing, the college is implementing the following guidelines:

- Individuals who are **not fully vaccinated must** wear masks while indoors and while in crowded situations
- Individuals who are **not fully vaccinated must** continue to practice social distancing
- Individuals who are **not fully vaccinated must** complete daily health surveys and other measures to identify symptoms related to Covid-19
- Students who are **not fully vaccinated may be** placed into separate clusters that do not mix with vaccinated students to minimize transmission. This may include:
 - dormitories and/or dormitory floors in which only **not fully vaccinated** students are housed and to which visitors will not be permitted
 - requiring students who are **not fully vaccinated** to be housed in ‘single’ rooms or with another non-vaccinated student
 - groupings of students who are **not fully vaccinated** being scheduled into courses and class sessions together
 - restricting access to communal areas to only those who **are fully vaccinated**
 - restricting access to main dining areas to only those who **are fully vaccinated**

Walnut Hill College is planning on returning to more ‘normal’ operations during the 2021/2022 college year. As such:

- **ALL COURSES** will be delivered in person
- the absentee policy will be enforced as it is written in the Student Handbook
- local, domestic, and international field trips will return, however,
 - all off-campus college sponsored travel will be restricted to students who **are fully vaccinated**.
 - These trips include, but not limited to our planned international travel experiences to France, England, and Florida and the Bahamas and many other planned local field trips.
 - The college is planning many “field trips” to local restaurants, wineries, ethnic neighbors, markets and hotels starting this fall as part of our dynamic Student Life and Learning program. Participation in these field trips will be restricted to students who are full vaccinated

We are looking forward to a renewed energy on campus this year as we may not only look into one another's eyes, but also see each other's faces!

The College **STONGLY ENCOURAGES** all students to get vaccinated. If you need assistance is location a vaccination location, please let us know. We will assist you.

If you are a new, or returning student, please complete the survey by clicking the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/whcvac> TODAY!