Walnut Hill College

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Campus Health and Safety Update

Walnut Hill College considers the health and well-being of our students, staff, faculty and community to be of the utmost importance. It is with that in mind that this message is being sent for your information.

As we prepare for our new student arrival on Sunday, August 28th, the college is announcing its 2022-2023 policies as it relates to Covid-19. Students should review these FAQ's so they have an understanding of how to best prepare for the academic year as it relates to Covid-19.

The college will continue to monitor the health and safety of our campus and revise policies as needed to best support the wellbeing of our students, staff and community. As this has been a fluid situation since its onset, students and families should monitor their emails and the college website for policy/procedure updates.

Q. Do I need to be vaccinated for Covid 19 in order to attend classes at Walnut Hill College?

A. **Yes**. As per City of Philadelphia mandates, all students, staff, and faculty must be vaccinated for Covid 19 in order to attend classes on campus. Students may submit a request for exemption for religious or medical reasons. This request can be sent to Dr. Morrow by email at dmorrow@walnuthillcollege.edu.

Q. Will I have to wear a face mask while on campus?

A. As of August 8, 2022 the college will no longer be requiring masking for students, staff, nor guests. The college is 'mask optional'. The College will reinstate its masking requirements should the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, or federal government invoke a mask mandate or if the college believes it is in the best interest of the health and safety of the students, staff, and guests of the college.

Q. What should I do if I am sick?

A. Students who are sick should not come to campus, attend classes nor engage in any other in person college activities. If you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 you

should consider getting tested for Covid 19. **Any positive Covid test results must be reported to covid@walnuthillcollege.edu to receive additional guidance from college officials.**

Other than a positive test result for Covid, students do not need to report illnesses to campus administrators. However, as the Student Handbook details, students who miss class for any reason should contact their instructor(s). Additional support related to absences can be provided by a college Student Success Advisor.

Q. If I test positive for Covid, will my absences be excused?

A. The college is no longer excusing absences due to a positive test for Covid 19. Should you test positive for Covid 19 you must report the positive results to covid@walnuthillcollege.edu to receive additional guidance from college officials.

The College's absentee policy is fully detailed in the Student Handbook. Students should be aware that they will be withdrawn from courses in which they have excessive absences. **Students are strongly encouraged to carefully consider missing class and only do so when they are ill**. More details are available in the college's Student Handbook.

Q. If I test positive for Covid what should I do?

A. Any student who tests positive for Covid should immediately report the positive test to covid@walnuthillcollege.edu.

- If you test positive and you **do not have symptoms**, you should isolate for 5 days from the date of your positive test.
- If you do **develop COVID-19 symptoms and then test positive,** isolate for 5 days from the date your symptoms began.
- Students should be fever-free before returning to campus, activities, or classes.
- Any positive test for Covid 19 should be reported to covid@walnuthillcollege.edu to receive additional guidance from college officials.

Q. If I test positive for Covid, do I need to leave campus?

A. **Yes**, any student who tests positive for Covid must leave campus and isolate. The college will have isolation rooms available for students who are unable to leave campus due to the excessive distance of travel. Students who require isolation rooms may be in a shared space with other students who have tested positive.

Q. If I test positive for Covid, how long must I remain off campus?

A. If you test positive, you should leave campus and follow the below directions:

- If you test positive and you **do not have symptoms**, you should isolate for 5 days from the date of your positive test.
- If you do **develop COVID-19 symptoms and then test positive,** isolate for 5 days from the date your symptoms began.
- Students should be fever-free before returning to campus, activities, or classes.
- Any positive test for Covid 19 should be reported to covid@walnuthillcollege.edu to receive additional guidance from college officials.

Q. Do I need to isolate after having close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid?

A. **No**. You do not need to isolate nor report a close contact with an infected individual. If you do develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive, isolate for at least 5 days from the date your symptoms began (the date the symptoms started is day 0). Any positive test for Covid 19 should be reported to covid@walnuthillcollege.edu to receive additional guidance from college officials.

Q. If I test positive for Covid, do I need to test negative to return to campus?

A. **No**, a negative test result is not required to return to campus/classes. Individuals who contract Covid can test positive for several weeks even though the virus is no longer transmittable. If you test positive, you should isolate for at least 5 days from the date of your positive test (if you do not have symptoms). If you do develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive, isolate for at least 5 days from the date your symptoms began (the date the symptoms started is day 0).