

RIPON COLLEGE 2022-2023 COVID-19 POLICIES GUIDE

Efforts will combine vaccine mandates with baseline testing. We will suspend surveillance testing and maintain a predominantly mask-optional indoor and outdoor environment. We encourage the campus community to continue social distancing as well as organizing large gatherings outdoors when possible.

RETURNING-TO-CAMPUS PROTOCOLS

Vaccines Required:

- Up to date COVID-19 vaccinations (including the booster) will be required for the fall.
Or, approved exemption for a medical, religious or firmly held personal/philosophical belief
- All students should send up-to-date verifications to welchk@ripon.edu by Aug. 22.

Exemptions:

- If you have been approved for an exemption, that extends to the booster. No additional action is required.
- If you are requesting an exemption for the first time for the vaccine or the booster, complete this [waiver](#) by Aug. 22.

Baseline Testing:

- Mandatory Baseline Testing: Aug. 27 and Aug. 28
 - On campus non-rapid PCR saliva testing will be conducted Aug. 27 and Aug. 28*.
 - Masks will be required indoors until negative results are returned.

Early Move In-Students:

- Students arriving sooner than Aug. 27 will be required to complete a rapid antigen test within 72 hours of arrival and will be required to repeat baseline testing before the start of classes.

CLOSE CONTACT AND TESTING POSITIVE

Quarantine and Isolation Protocols:

- If COVID-positive, students should plan to isolate off campus.
- Asymptomatic close contacts may quarantine in place.

After Testing Positive:

- Isolate for 5 days, starting immediately after test results are known. The day of test participation is Day 0.
Day 1 is the first full day following.
- If symptoms are improved after 5 days, consult with Student Health Services.

Close Contact with COVID-Positive Individual:

- Report close-contact status to Student Health Services.
- Students who are not up to date or who are unvaccinated and are identified as close contacts, regardless of symptoms, are expected to quarantine for a minimum of 5 days.
 - Obtain a negative non-rapid PCR test no sooner than Day 5 of quarantine to be released before Day 10.
- Up-to-date and asymptomatic students are exempt from quarantine as close contacts.
 - Testing 5 days after known exposure is recommended.
 - Students who are asymptomatic and COVID-19 positive in the last 90 days also are exempt from quarantine.
- Students who become symptomatic, regardless of vaccine status, will be expected to test 5 days after known exposure.

For more details, including an FAQ document and COVID-19 dashboard, please visit ripon.edu/covid19 or contact Student Health Services.

**Details regarding timing and locations for testing will be communicated in the coming weeks.*