

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:

- Regardless of vaccine status, students identified as close contact for someone who tests positive for COVID, must wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and test on Day 5. No quarantine is required unless you develop symptoms. Please contact Student Health Services to report your close contact status and to obtain an N95 mask.

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.*