

**COVID-19 Weekly Update- Student (For January 1- January 7, 2022)**

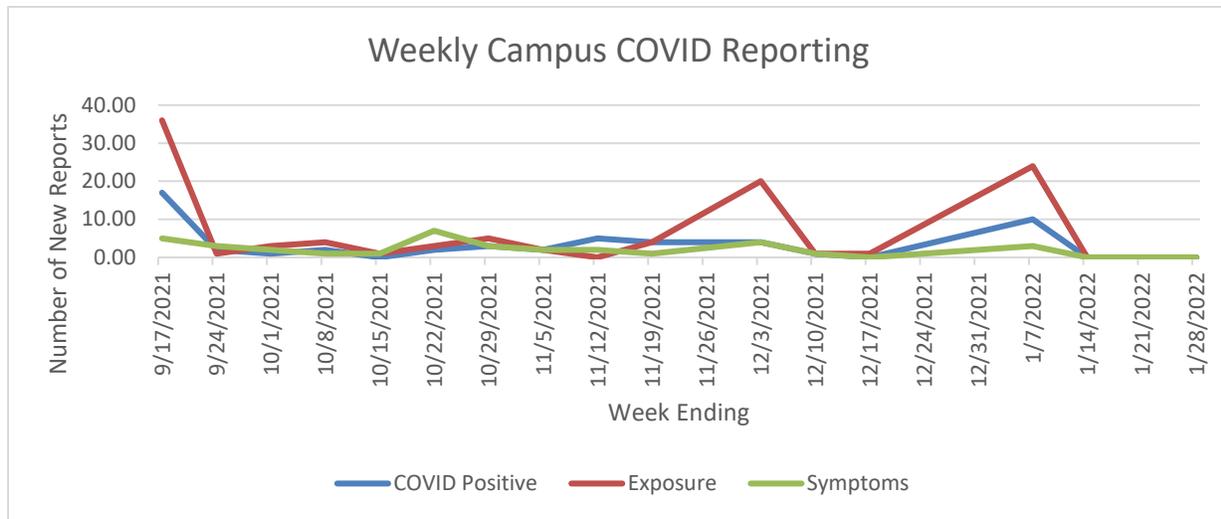
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting [equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu).

**Current COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, January 7, 2022)**

- 30 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- no change from last update (new reporting timeframe for Spring 2022 semester)
- 7 confirmed positive cases- no change from last update
- 28 individual(s) are currently in isolation or quarantine either on- or off-campus

**Garrett County COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, January 7, 2022)**

- Level of Community Transmission- High [no change from last update]
- Case rate of 71.3 per 100,000 [increased from last update]
- Positivity Rate of 14.5% (state rate is 28.3%) [increased from last update]
- Percentage of population (12+) fully vaccinated is **53.5%**



**WEAR YOUR MASK!!**

**Masks/face coverings** are required to be properly worn in all indoor locations (which includes common areas of the residence halls). Failure to comply with the masking protocols is subject to disciplinary actions through the Student Conduct Code.

**Testing**

Testing locations include (please call ahead to confirm testing is available at the time of the request):

- Garrett County Health Department in Oakland- (301) 334-7697
  - Register online at [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](http://ciandx.com)
- WVU Medicine Urgent Care in McHenry (301) 387-8718

- UPMC Urgent Care in McHenry (240) 488-413
- Allegany County Fairgrounds in Cumberland: (301) 759-5000

### **Vaccinations**

Vaccines are an effective and critical tool to bring the pandemic under control by helping to prevent infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. We strongly encourage individuals to get vaccinated and those who are eligible for a booster to do so. **No clinics are scheduled on-campus at this time.**

To locate and schedule a Health Department clinic, visit: <https://garretthealth.org/vax-updated/>.

To locate other vaccination sites, visit: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>

### **Quarantine and Isolation Protocols**

For the health and safety of the campus community, Garrett College will continue with the extended isolation and quarantine guidance, despite the shortened quarantine and isolation period recently published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The protocols are as follows:

- Isolation
  - Test positive, isolate for at least 10 days.
  - Can return after 10 days if no fever for 24-hours and other symptoms have improved.
- Quarantine for exposure/close contact
  - If vaccinated and boosted- not required to quarantine unless symptomatic. Should test 5-7 days after exposure
  - Not boosted or unvaccinated- quarantine for at least 7-10 days unless symptomatic. Should test 5-7 days after exposure
  - Previous infection within 90-day period- depends on when last tested positive in that timeframe. Most likely will be required to quarantine and follow guidance above for not boosted or unvaccinated

All individuals should contact the Office of Equity & Compliance at [equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu) for specific individual guidance.

### **Health and Safety Protocol Reminders:**

- **Masks/face coverings** are **required** to be properly worn in all indoor locations (which includes common areas of the residence halls).
- **Social distancing** of 3 feet is strongly recommended in crowded indoor and outdoor settings.
- **STAY HOME** when you are sick, awaiting test results, or have been identified as a close contact, until you have been cleared to return to campus.
- **Report** COVID-related illness, positive results, or close contact notifications to [equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu).

**Check your Garrett College email regularly!** The College will use official college email addresses to notify students and employees regarding any on-campus exposures.