

COVID-19 Weekly Update- Employee (For January 8-14, 2022)

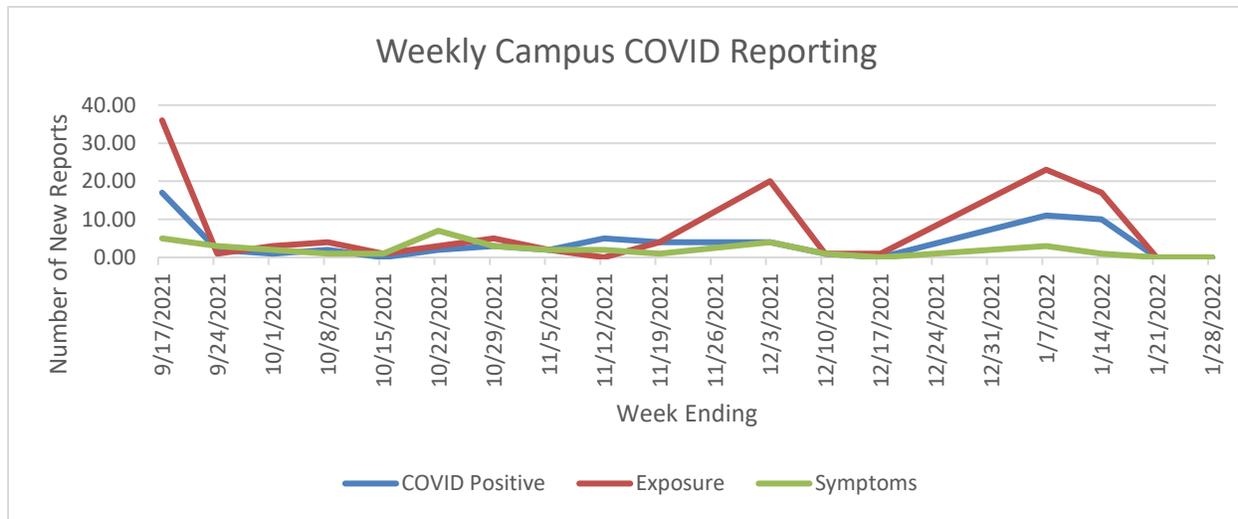
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

College COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, January 14, 2022)

- 46 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +16 from last update
- 18 confirmed positive cases- +9 from last update
- 29 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 14, 2022)

- Level of Community Transmission- High [no change from last update]
- Case rate of 142.1 per 100,000 [increased from last update]
- Positivity Rate of 20.3% (state rate is 24.77%) [county increased, state decreased from last update]
- Percentage of **population (12+) fully vaccinated is 53.8%**



Current News

- New testing facility is slated to be opened at Garrett Regional Medical Center in Oakland by the end of next week. 7-day/week testing will be available.
- KN95/N95 masks are being recommended for use instead of cloth masks. [Are N95 and KN95 masks reusable and how should you store them? \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)
- The Supreme Court has blocked the OSHA ETS vaccination mandate. Employees are still strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted.

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 at [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](http://ciandx.com)
- GRMC- Details Coming Soon!
- 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

No clinics are currently scheduled on-campus at this time.

Employees are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated, or to get their boosters if eligible. 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 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.