

COVID-19 Weekly Update- Employee (For January 29-, February 4, 2022)

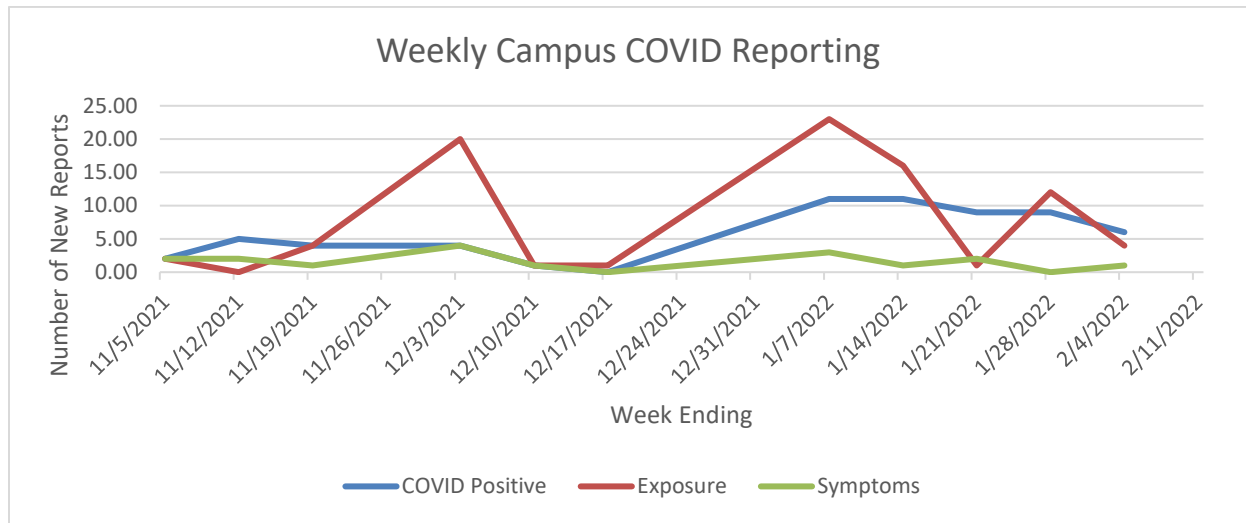
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

College COVID-19 Status (January 1,2022 through 10:00 am Friday, February 4, 2022)

- 90 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +11 from last update
- 43 confirmed positive cases- +6 from last update
- 7 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, February 4, 2022)

- Level of Community Transmission- High [no change from last update]
- Case rate of 51.1 per 100,000 [decreased from last update]
- Positivity Rate of 12.90% (state rate is 6.69%) [county and state decreased from last update]
- Percentage of **population (12+) fully vaccinated is 54.3%**



Current News

- Free Drive-Through Testing at the Fairgrounds will be offered through Saturday, February 12
 - Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm-7pm; Saturday 1pm-5pm

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; [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](http://CIANDiagnostics.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; [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](http://CIANDiagnostics.com)

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:
 - *Fully vaccinated **and** boosted **or** fully vaccinated but not yet eligible for a booster* (2 months for J&J or 5 months for Pfizer or Moderna):
 - Not required to quarantine unless symptomatic.
 - Should test 5-7 days after exposure.
 - Must mask, distance when possible, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
 - *Unvaccinated **or** fully vaccinated but not boosted when eligible*:
 - Quarantine for at least 7-10 days unless symptomatic.
 - Should test 5-7 days after exposure.
 - Must mask, distance when possible, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
 - *Previous infection within 90-day period*:
 - Not required to quarantine unless symptomatic.
 - Should test 5-7 days after exposure.
 - Must mask, distance when possible, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.

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.