

**COVID-19 Weekly Update- Student (For April 23- April 29, 2022)**

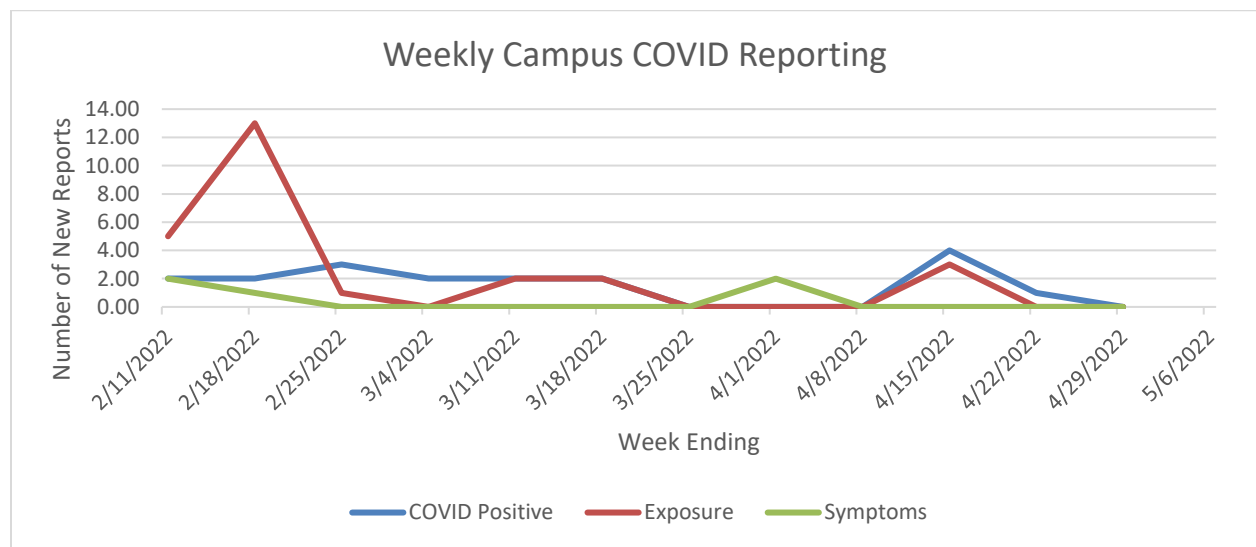
Regular COVID information is always available on the College’s COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting [equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu).

**Current COVID-19 Status (January 1, 2022 through 10:00 am Friday, April 29, 2022)**

- 138 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +0 from last update
- 61 confirmed positive cases- +0 from last update
- 0 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, April 29, 2022)**

- [CDC Community Level](#)- Low
- Case rate of 2.0 per 100,000 [decreased from last update]
- Positivity Rate of 3.3% (state rate is 4.65%) [county and state increased from last update]
- Percentage of population (5+) fully vaccinated is **53.6%**



**Masks Optional**

Masking will be optional in most locations on-campus with a few exceptions:

- In classrooms as required by certain faculty.
- In private office settings as required by individual faculty or staff.
- As required to comply with NJCAA Region XX guidance.
- As required for isolation or quarantine cases.

Failure to comply with any 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 - (301) 334-7697; Register online at [CIAN Diagnostics \(ciandx.com\)](https://ciandx.com)
- WVU Medicine Urgent Care in McHenry (301) 387-8718
- UPMC Urgent Care in McHenry (240) 488-4139

**Test positive with an at-home kit? You can report your results here:** [Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal / Maryland Portal to Report a Positive COVID Home Test Result | Maryland OneStop \(md.gov\)](#)

## Vaccinations

We strongly encourage individuals to get vaccinated and those who are eligible for a booster to do so.

**No on-campus clinics are scheduled 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>

**Boosters:** The [CDC](#) has approved second booster shots for the following individuals:

- People who received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for their first shot and booster
- Adults ages 50 years and older
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

## Quarantine and Isolation Protocols-

Garrett College will follow the [shortened quarantine and isolation period](#) advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The protocols are as follows:

- Isolation:
  - Test positive, isolate for at least 5 days.
  - Return after 5 days if no fever for 24-hours and other symptoms have improved or were asymptomatic.
    - **Must mask** and avoid being around high-risk individuals for 10 days.
  - Individuals who were severely ill or are immunocompromised should isolate for 10 days.
- 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 at least 5 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 5 days, unless symptomatic.
    - Should test at least 5 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.



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- Should test at least 5 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](mailto:equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu) for specific individual guidance.

**Health and Safety Protocol Reminders:**

- **Masks/face coverings** are **optional** except for a few limited situations.
- **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.