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When Can I Come to Campus?

Garrett College considers several resources for best practices regarding when individuals should isolate or quarantine. The guidance below will help clarify any questions and provide clear guidance on the expectations of the college in certain situations. **In order to determine if you must isolate or quarantine and when you can return to campus, you must contact the Office of Equity and Compliance (equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu or 301-387-3037) for final guidance*.**

1. *I don't feel well but I don't think it is COVID-related. Can I come to campus?*

No. Individuals who are ill but it is not believed to be COVID-related should refrain from coming to campus until they are symptom-free for 24 hours with no fever and no use of fever-reducing medications **or** you are cleared by a medical provider (includes negative COVID test). Individuals are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 even if they don't believe they have the virus but have COVID-like symptoms.

2. *I was tested for COVID-19. Can I come to campus while I await my results?*

No. If an individual is tested for COVID-19, they must self-isolate and refrain from coming to campus until their test results are received.

3. *I tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms. When can I return to campus?*

If you continue to have no symptoms, your isolation period would end 10 days after the date of your positive test.

4. *I tested positive for COVID-19 and am experiencing symptoms. When can I return to campus?*

You will be cleared to return to campus at least 10 days after your symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms are improving.

5. *I have been in close contact with someone who tested positive and I do not live with this person. When can I return to campus?*

You may be required to quarantine for 7-10 days dependent upon specifics of your situation. Please contact the Office of Equity and Compliance for guidance.

6. *I have been in close contact with a household member who tested positive and we only have one bathroom. When can I return to campus?*

You may be required to quarantine while the positive case fulfills their isolation period (a minimum of 10 days). After the positive case is released from isolation, you may need to quarantine for 7-10 more days dependent upon specifics of your situation. Please contact the Office of Equity and Compliance for guidance.



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- 7. I have been in close contact with a household member who tested positive and we have several bedrooms and bathrooms in the house, where we can successfully isolate and quarantine without further exposure. When can I return to campus?**

If you are able to successfully isolate the positive household member for the entire duration of their infectious period (typically 10 days), then your quarantine period, if required, would start the day after separate isolation has begun. Individuals required to quarantine can return to campus after a 7-10-day quarantine period depending upon specifics of your situation. Please contact the Office of Equity and Compliance for guidance.

- 8. I live with an individual that is quarantining due to a suspected COVID-19 exposure (close contact). Can I come to campus?**

Third-party exposures should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If the household member tests positive, then you would follow the guidance provided in either item 5 or 6 above. Please contact the Office of Equity and Compliance for guidance.

***Those individuals who are “up-to-date” with their vaccinations or those with a prior COVID infection may not be required to quarantine, but must report to the Office of Equity and Compliance for final guidance.**

COVID Reporting Mechanisms

Each individual with a positive COVID-19 case, who is identified as a close contact, suspects they have been exposed, or who is experiencing symptoms should notify the College by emailing equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu or calling 301-387-3037. The Office of Equity and Compliance is the designated office handling reports of confirmed or possible COVID-19 cases from a student, faculty/staff member, or member of the community who visited the campus. If you choose not to report your positive test results, local or state health departments may report this to the College on your behalf following a consultation.

COVID Protocols and Best Practices

Protecting the health and safety of the campus community requires us all to do our part to help stop the spread. To keep the campus operational and stop the spread, it is important that each individual abide by the College’s COVID protocols:

- Staying home when sick;
- Wear a CDC-approved face mask/covering when required;
- Complete symptom monitoring before coming to campus each day;
- Social distance - maintain at least 3-6-foot distance when possible and avoid social gatherings;
- Abide by any other stated protocols included in the *Laker Strong* or the *Exposure Action Plans*.

All COVID-related information is available on the College’s COVID Resource page, located at www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus. The College’s COVID Dashboard (www.garrettcollege.edu/covid-dashboard) is updated on a weekly basis.