

Fall 2021
Le Moyne College COVID-19 Syllabus Statement

The following information describes the health and safety guidelines for classrooms, which **are subject to change**. The College may adjust health and safety protocols pending prevalence of the COVID-19 virus and its transmissibility on campus.

In accordance with NYS Department of Health regulations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), *when viral transmission is low*, fully vaccinated members of the Le Moyne Community who certify their vaccination status will not be required to wear a face covering or physically distance. However, given new evidence gathered on the Delta variant, the CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people wear a face covering in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. Additionally, the CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a face covering regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving their final dose schedule of an FDA-approved vaccine, i.e., two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two-dose series (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson).

Within the context presented above, and given the prevalence and substantial transmission of the Delta variant in Onondaga County, face coverings are required in the academic buildings, which include all classrooms and public spaces, until further notice.

All undergraduate and graduate students (together with faculty, staff, and administrators) are required to have the COVID-19 vaccine by the opening of the fall 2021 semester. Following approval, exemptions based on medical and religious reasons will be accommodated, but the majority of the College Community is expected to be vaccinated, greatly reducing the risk of infection for everyone. **Unless a student has a medical/religious exemption, unvaccinated students will not be allowed to check in to residence halls, use campus facilities, or attend classes.** Students wishing to request a medical/religious exemption **must do so in writing here**. Proof of vaccination is to be submitted to the Student Health Center [healthservices@lemoyne.edu, (315) 445-4440]. Students may also request an exemption or provide proof of vaccination by following the instructions on the “Vaccinations” link at <https://lemoyne.edu/COVID-19>.

*Please note, given the dynamic nature of the pandemic, **all** students, faculty, and staff are expected to carry a facial covering with them at all times and monitor campus email announcements for policy updates.*

In accordance with NYS Department of Health regulations, students and other members of the college community who are not fully vaccinated **MUST** adhere to the following health and safety protocols, **which are subject to change** based on campus, county, and state disease prevalence.

- Properly wear a face covering (i.e., covering both mouth and nose) in all campus buildings and classrooms.
- Complete COVID-19 testing with the College testing program, at a minimum, two times a week on either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday or submit proof of negative PCR test

results from an external official testing location once a week to the COVID Office at coronavirus@lemoyne.edu.

- Follow all New York State and CDC regulations pertaining to unvaccinated individuals.

For students, these requirements protect the student's own health and safety as well as the health and safety of their classmates, their instructor, and the entire Le Moyne community. Students granted an exemption and who are not fully vaccinated and who refuse to wear face coverings properly or to adhere to other stated requirements will be subject to disciplinary action for Community Standards violations.

If a student granted an exemption is unable to wear a face covering due to a disabling condition, they should contact the Office of Disability Support Services [Roger Purdy, dss@lemoyne.edu, (315) 445-4118] to discuss accommodations.

Regardless of vaccination status, students who are experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms must not attend class and are encouraged to contact the Student Health Center [healthservices@lemoyne.edu, (315) 445-4440] or their primary medical provider. COVID-19-related symptoms may include one or some combination of the following:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Finally, in keeping with our values as a Jesuit college, each member of the community is expected to act honestly and ethically regarding both their vaccination status and any experienced COVID-19-related symptoms. A well-vaccinated and attentive community better protects the vulnerable amongst us and loved ones at home who cannot be vaccinated.