

Le Moyne College
COVID-19 Syllabus Statement
Fall 2023

Overview. The following information describes the health and safety guidelines for in-person classes and classrooms, which **are subject to change**¹. The College may adjust health and safety protocols pending prevalence of the COVID-19 virus and its transmissibility on campus, in Onondaga County, and/or the State of New York. *Please note, given the dynamic nature of the coronavirus, all students, faculty, and staff are expected to monitor campus email announcements for policy updates.*

Summary of Key Classroom Health and Safety Protocols:

1. All *eligible* undergraduate and graduate students together with faculty, staff, and administrators are highly encouraged and recommended to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.
2. No one should attend class if feeling ill.
3. Individuals exposed to someone with COVID-19 *or* who tests positive for COVID-19 are expected to follow CDC face covering and isolation guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>).

Hospital Admission Levels. Since many people are believed to have some protection, or immunity, against COVID-19 due to vaccination, previous infection, or both, the CDC now monitors levels of viral transmission of the coronavirus by tracking hospital admission levels for each county and state. Hospital admission levels are classified as low, medium, or high. For each hospital admission level, the CDC further provides prevention steps that each individual can take based on a county's hospital admission level and an individual's personal risk factors. Additionally, the CDC continues to recommend that individuals regardless of vaccination status may choose to wear a face covering at any time 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. As a caring community, the College respects and supports individuals who choose to wear face coverings.

College Face Covering Requirement. As fall approaches, transmission levels and hospital admission levels are relatively stable in our local community and on campus. Additionally, vaccination rates are high among members of the campus community. Within the aforementioned context, the face covering requirement for the college community is as follows. At this time, with the exception of the following circumstances, face coverings **are optional on campus**. However, *appropriate*² face coverings are **required** to be properly worn (i.e., covering both mouth and nose) by all persons, **regardless of vaccination status**, until further notice,

In the following **circumstances**:

- a. Any individual who is experiencing new or different symptoms.
- b. Any individual who was exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 10-days should wear an appropriate² and well-fitting face covering around others on campus, at home and in public for 10-days (where day 0 is the last day of exposure).
- c. Any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, who has completed five days of isolation and has been fever-free for at least 24-hours should wear an appropriate² and well-fitting face covering around others on campus, at home and in public through day 10 (where day 0 is the day symptoms started or the day when tested positive if asymptomatic). However, an individual with two sequential negative antigen tests taken 48-hours apart, may remove their face covering sooner than day 10.

COVID-19 Vaccine and Boosters. As part of the College's strategy to reduce the risk of transmission and serious illness, Le Moyne highly encourages and recommends that all *eligible* undergraduate and graduate students (together with faculty, staff, and administrators) remain [up to date](#) on their COVID-19 vaccines.

Approved Student Absences from Class. Students are expected to attend classes in-person as scheduled and require appropriate approval to be excused from in-person classes. Students may be excused from attending in-

person classes for short-term absences due to illness such as colds or the flu, accidents, or quarantine/isolation from a confirmed COVID infection. Students who must miss class for illness should follow the [Policy on Student Absenteeism in the Event of Illness or Accident](#), which stipulates the following. **If illness or injury requires more than three consecutive days of hospital or home care, Health Services needs to be informed [(315) 445-4440].** If the student has been treated by a doctor off campus, some documentation from that office will be expected. Health Services will then notify the Registrar who will inform the student's instructors, advisor, and the appropriate academic dean. *"It is the student's responsibility to contact his or her instructors, as soon as possible, to explain the absence and make arrangements for the completion of missed work or tests."*

COVID-19 Symptoms. 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

Responsibility to the Le Moyne Community. Finally, in keeping with our values as a Jesuit college, each member of the community is expected to act honestly and ethically regarding any experienced COVID-19-related symptoms. Further, each member of the community is expected to take care of not only their own health, but to be mindful of the health of others and to avoid actions that may jeopardize the health and welfare of those we learn, work and live with at the College. A well-informed and attentive community better protects the vulnerable amongst us and loved ones at home.

¹ The College's policies remain subject to public health orders issued by the Onondaga County Health Department and New York State Department of Health, and will be adjusted if directed by public health authorities.

² Appropriate and recommended face coverings include N95, KN95 or KF94 respirators, surgical masks, and face coverings made of at least two layers of cloth. Above all else, a snug fit (no gaps, wired nose bridge, adjustable ear loops), offers the best protection to the user and the community. Most importantly, face coverings with an exhalation/release valve, single-layer gaiter-style neck fleeces, and bandanas should NOT be worn on campus.