

FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY FALL 2022 COVID PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS

During the pandemic, Franklin Pierce University's collective efforts, the cooperation of students, faculty, and staff have contributed to our safe campus environment.

This document details the COVID policies and procedures we have in place for the fall 2022 semester to continue to support the health and safety of our students and campus community.

The University reserves the right to add, change, or revise the policies and protocols included in this document and communicated elsewhere as conditions warrant. Please monitor your Franklin Pierce University e-mail and www.franklinpierce.edu/return for updated information. All other University policies remain in effect.

GENERAL SAFETY PRACTICES

Compliance and Enforcement of COVID-19 Policies

Franklin Pierce University expects compliance with our policies and practices detailed in this document and communicated elsewhere.

Proof of Vaccination & Boosters

In support of Franklin Pierce's commitment to offer a robust educational experience to every student, the University requires proof of full [COVID-19 vaccination](#), or proof of medical or religious exemption, for all students, faculty, and staff who will attend classes, live on campus, work, or access campus during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Franklin Pierce University requires all community member to receive the COVID-19 booster for anyone eligible to do so. Anyone is eligible six months after receiving a second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two months after receiving the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

All students, new and returning, must submit their vaccination record/card for verification through one of the following ways:

- Submit your vaccination record through Medicat, using any browser on a computer or mobile device. Go to <https://franklinpierce.medicatconnect.com> and log in using your Franklin Pierce University credentials. You will then be instructed on how to upload a photo of your vaccination card. For additional information on the process, please refer to this [step-by-step guide](#) provided by Medicat.
- Email a photo of your vaccination record to healthservices@franklinpierce.edu.
- Mail a photocopy of your vaccination record to:
Franklin Pierce University
ATTN: Health Services
40 University Drive
Rindge, N.H. 03461

- Bring a photocopy of your vaccination record to the Health Services Office, located on the plaza level of Granite Hall. Students who choose this option should email or call ahead (603-899-4130) to ensure a staff member is available to meet you.

Note: An approved exemption from COVID-19 vaccination is only applicable to the Franklin Pierce University Rindge Campus or Academic Centers. It is not applicable to any off-campus experiential learning opportunity, including but not limited to clinical assignments, internships, student teaching locations, or practicums. Students must follow the requirements of each organization.

MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

Masks may be required in the certain settings with higher than normal traffic including the Library, Field House, and the Bubble. Additionally, faculty may require students in their classrooms to wear masks. Students are expected to comply with this requirement or be subject to a Student Conduct review.

Franklin Pierce University reserves the right to decline entry to campus to any individual who does not comply with current vaccination and masking policies.

GENERAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PRACTICES

All members of the community are advised to follow personal hygiene and other practices to prevent the spread of the virus, including:

- Washing hands with soap for 20 seconds or more, and if soap and water are not readily available, using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol;
- Avoiding touching of the face, eyes, or mouth;
- Coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your elbow rather than into your hands; and
- Monitor your health daily, including for any known [symptoms of COVID-19](#) which can include, but are not limited to: cough, fever, shortness of breath, loss of taste and smell, aches, chills, sore throat, nasal congestion, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Protocols for Symptoms, Exposure, or Positive COVID-19 Test Results for Commuting and On-Campus Residential Students

Students diagnosed with COVID-19, those experiencing symptoms, or those who have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 should isolate to the extent possible, wear a mask, and contact [Health Services](#) immediately.

Students isolating or quarantining will be subject to the CDC recommended standards and will require Health Services approval before being cleared. Limited space will be available on the Rindge Campus for quarantining and isolating students. Students who reside within New England and New York must return home for their isolation or quarantining period.

Students that are isolating or quarantining on the Rindge Campus will be permitted to leave

isolation/quarantine, with mask on, for two reasons:

- Solo exercise, outside; and
- To walk to the student center to get grab and go meals each day and during the times specified.

Students in isolation or quarantine should not socialize with other individuals during this time.

For those off-campus, the following are recommendations for effective isolation and quarantine:

- Monitor your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.
- Stay in a separate room from other household members, if possible.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible.
- Avoid contact with other members of the household and pets.
- Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils.
- Wear a mask when around other people if able.

[Learn more about what to do if you are sick](#) and [how to notify your contacts](#).

If you have no symptoms, you can be with others after five days have passed since you had a positive viral test for COVID-19.

In addition to confirmed (or presumptive positive cases), the University reserves the right to prohibit a student, employee, or another individual exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or who was exposed to COVID-19 from entering campus facilities in the interest of protecting the health and safety of our community.

For fall 2022, students who test positive will be asked by an FPU contact tracer to self-report their contacts and information, if known, via a Contact Tracing form link. Every student who is listed as a contact will receive an email from Health Services with additional guidance for follow up. Students identified as contacts to a positive case of COVID, if fully vaccinated and boosted, are not required to quarantine, but should wear a mask and be tested if they become symptomatic. Students who are not vaccinated and/or boosted should wear a mask and quarantine.

RETURN TO CAMPUS/MOVE IN

At this time, a negative PCR test will be only required for any exempted student regardless of residential status, to return to campus and start in-person classes. The test must be administered no further out than five days prior to arrival unless otherwise approved by the Director of Health Services. Exempted students who do not have a negative test on file in Health Services will not be permitted to move in or begin classes.

An exempted student moving in must have their negative test verified by Health Services before being permitted to pick up their keys. To verify test results, students must bring a printed copy of the negative test result during their move in time slot. Students will also be retested upon arrival

prior to picking up their residence hall key to move in. Please contact Health Services at healthservices@franklinpierce.edu with any questions.

Any student, regardless of vaccination status, who is symptomatic must delay their arrival and contact healthservices@franklinpierce.edu and housing@franklinpierce.edu to make alternative arrangements. In addition, vaccinated students who arrive on campus and appear symptomatic during move-in will be referred to Health Services and may require a negative test to complete the move-in process.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Tuition: Full-time tuition will not be reduced should the University transition to remote learning at any point or for any period of time during the academic year. The University will continue the delivery of academic courses and degrees, supporting students on their path to degree completion.

Financial Hardship: We recognize that some of our students and their families may be facing financial hardship due to COVID-19. If a student's financial situation has changed because of COVID-19, the student is encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Services at osfs@franklinpierce.edu with an explanation of their situation.

Franklin Pierce University reserves the right to change this document and the policies and procedures herein in its sole discretion without notice.