

## Franklin Pierce University Spring 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 Spring 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](http://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 2021-2022 academic year.

**Franklin Pierce University will require 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. Testing and booster status information will be communicated to students before their arrival on campus.**

If you have already received a booster, please submit a copy of your updated COVID Vaccination Record Card to [healthservices@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:healthservices@franklinpierce.edu).

The University will reevaluate the current vaccine exemption policy and reach out to exempted students with additional information.

***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](#) are required to be worn in all classrooms and indoor public settings through February 9, 2022. As we start the spring semester with masking in place, we will continue to closely monitor evolving CDC and public health guidance and will make decisions that support the health and safety of our community.

During this time, exemptions to mask wearing include:

- a. In assigned Residence Hall rooms, apartments, or townhouses when present with only assigned roommates. If other students are guests in the room, it is HIGHLY recommended that masks be worn.
- b. In the Dining Hall when sitting and eating and drinking.
- c. In locations, for regularly tested, in-season student athletes, while practicing and training, and with Coach approval.
- d. In individual offices when alone.

Following February 9, masks may be required in the certain settings with higher than normal traffic. Examples can include but are not limited to the Library, Field House, Health Services, 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.

## Classrooms, Studios, and Labs

In learning spaces such as classrooms and labs, students must follow any safety protocols outlined by the instructor for the space.

***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. 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 spring 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**

### **Move-in Process**

Move-In will begin on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, during regular business hours, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Residential students will sign up with the Residence Life Office for a move-in slot.

No move-ins will be permitted during evenings or over the weekends.

- **A negative PCR or antigen test is required to return to campus and start in-person classes. Students who do not have a negative test will not be permitted to move in.**
- The test must be administered no further out than five days prior to arrival, and the student must self-isolate following their test.
- If self-isolation is not possible, the student must provide a negative PCR or antigen test administered within a 72-hour window prior to arrival.
- **A 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. If a student takes an at-home antigen test, the negative result of that test must be photographed to show date and time (next to a cell phone, laptop, etc.) and be emailed to Health Services prior to arriving on campus.** Please contact Health Services at [healthservices@franklinperce.edu](mailto:healthservices@franklinperce.edu) with any questions.
- **Anyone who is symptomatic must delay their arrival and contact [healthservices@franklinperce.edu](mailto:healthservices@franklinperce.edu) and [housing@franklinperce.edu](mailto:housing@franklinperce.edu) to make alternative arrangements.**
- For the spring semester, testing will be available for symptomatic students, if appropriate, through Health Services.
- Additional testing requirements per the NCAA for student athletes will be communicated.

### **Events, Social Gatherings & Guests**

Students can begin registering overnight guests on Friday February 4, 2022.

Social Gathering will resume on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Limiting off-campus guests to the Rindge Campus, when possible, will help reduce our community's risk for exposure and transmission.

In-person, indoor meetings, gatherings, and programming should be limited to FPU community members, require masks at all times, and when possible, should include social distancing of at least 6 feet or more. Limiting participation in face to face meetings, gatherings, and/or programming, even with masks, will reduce the potential of exposure or infection. If it can be done virtually, it should be done virtually.

## **STUDENT LIFE**

Dining Services will implement a variety of health and safety precautions:

- Sodexo's increased cleaning and sanitation protocols will continue.
- All Sodexo employees participate in required health and safety training specific to COVID-19. Sodexo employees will participate in a health screening and those with symptoms or exposed to COVID-19 will not be permitted to work.
- In accordance with University policy, Sodexo requires proof of vaccination or proof of medical or religious exemption for all employees.
- The Dining Services staff will limit self-service options and provide sanitizer near to any self-service stations.
- The Dining Hall will resume in-person dining in Marketplace Cafeteria on Monday, January 31, but masks will be required except for when patrons are seated at the table.
- Carry out options will continue for those patrons who wish to utilize this option.
- All other dining locations will resume regular, in-person service on Monday, February 7, 2022.
- Please refer to the Sodexo website for the latest hours of operations for all dining locations.
- All of our updated dining hall policies [FPU Sodexo website](#) or on the [BITE app](#).

## **ATHELTICS & SPECTATORS**

For the health and safety of the FPU campus community, the Department of Athletics has updated its fan policy. Due to the rising case numbers of COVID-19, as a result of the new variant, FPU Athletics events will be closed to the public for the month of January. Thank you for your understanding.

As always, we have our current spectator policy on our webpage at [https://www.fpuravens.com/sports/General\\_Releases/2021-22/093021-Spectators](https://www.fpuravens.com/sports/General_Releases/2021-22/093021-Spectators)

## **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](mailto: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.***