



FAQs FACULTY Fall 2022

RECENT CHANGES IN CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

What's changed in the updated CDC's recommendations?

- x Refocus public health efforts to reduce serious illness and hospitalizations among those most vulnerable to the effects of COVID
- x Move to personal responsibility for maintaining health and protecting others
- x Continue education efforts promoting vaccination
- x Remove the distinction between

According to the CDC, when should individuals get a COVID-19 test? Will this be different for DU community members?

According to the CDC, individuals should seek testing when they are either symptomatic or have a known or suspected exposure to someone with COVID-19.

DU will continue to contact trace exposures within the DU community and all community members identified as a close contact will be required to test on days 1, 3, and 5 from exposure. Aggressive and more frequent testing identifies pre-existing infections the person was unaware of and day 3 testing is currently when most positives are identified.

How is this different from other recent quarters/semesters? How will DU's approach differ from the CDC's guidelines?

Unlike the start of recent quarters/semesters, DU will not require arrival testing prior to the start of the school year; however, DU will continue to make testing available at the Center (only), free of charge 6 days a week, Sunday through Friday (closed on Saturdays). [Please see the SpitLab website for operating hours](#). DU will also retain our contact tracing team, following up with individuals who test positive and alerting any close contacts of their required testing schedule to wear a mask for 10 days from exposure.

What should members of the DU community expect if exposed to COVID-19?

DU requires anyone identified as a close contact to be tested at the Spit Lab as soon as possible and then again, every other day until day 5— example, testing on day 1, 3, and 5 after an exposure. This approach increases our ability to detect the virus and swiftly isolate individuals, protecting the virus from spreading further within our community. DU

will also follow the CDC guidance and let everyone who is a close contact know that they are expected to wear a mask when indoors for 10-days after exposure for the safety of others

How does this compare to the CDC's recommendations?

The CDC recommends that those who have been exposed to an infected person wear a mask for 10 days around others when indoors in public. They should also test for COVID at least five days after exposure (or sooner if they are symptomatic), irrespective of their vaccination status. DU requires day 1 and 3 testing in addition to day 5 testing to identify infections earlier when exposure to others can be prevented and so that treatment can be most effective.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Will seating assignments be required?

No, we will not implement seating assignments this year.

Are masks allowed even though they are not required?

Yes, masks may be worn at any time by students, staff, or faculty.

People wear masks for many reasons and DU recognizes and respects an individual's decision to wear a mask and ask that we all respect each

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have some degree of protection against ~~serious~~ illness from their previous infection” [CDC report dated August 11, 2020](#) Consistent with DU policies implemented over the summer, we are not differentiating required protocols based on vaccination status at this time. Please note that the CDC still strongly recommends ~~update~~ update vaccination as a protection for the individual from serious illness and for the community and DU follows these recommendations by requiring ~~update~~ update vaccination or exemption.

Now that there is no mandatory testing how will DU monitor and track outbreaks?

Beginning August 1, instead of mandatory testing, DU will follow a COVID-19 outbreak management process as our revised approach to controlling the spread of COVID-19. DU will continue to monitor positivity rates and outbreaks on campus and will require DU community members to undergo mandatory testing in the following situations:

Emails requiring testing at the pool are sent to people connected to the outbreak. If you are part of a class or department experiencing an outbreak, you will receive a notification. Testing continues for multiple days as does wearing a mask until two weeks have passed with no further positives.

The University is required to report all positive cases to the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE). DDPHE works with DU's contact tracers, the public health project manager, and the executive director of enterprise risk management to determine if there are confirmed and related COVID-19 positive cases within units or classes.

DDPHE determines when an outbreak is closed.

What is faculty's role with enforcement for students?

Instructors and staff suspecting a violation has occurred may use the following progressive measures to address student-compliance:

1. Ask the student to comply with the requirement for which a violation has been observed. For example, ask the student to "Please report your positive test to reportCOVID@du.edu, mask and isolate immediately"
2. Submit a [COVID-Specific Incident Report](#) to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR), providing details about the incident.

What is the enforcement protocol if people do not report a positive test or fail to mask when required?

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are reported to their direct supervisor and visitors are

Some academic and community buildings allow entrance without an ID card. In September, we will expand the number of buildings in this category. You should continue to carry your ID card because more than half of DU buildings will continue to require ID access. Also, if we experience a surge in COVID cases, we may return to requiring ID card access for all buildings.

Will DU offer COVID vaccines?

COVID vaccinations are available to all DU community members by appointment through the Health and Counseling Center (HCC). To make an appointment log into your [myhealthportal](#) and select "Schedule an Appointment".