

Public Health Safety Protocols 2021-22 (Revised)

Updated March 4, 2022: These protocols describe expectations effective at the start of the Spring 2022 semester.

Purpose and Origin of the Protocols

The COVID-19 pandemic imposes serious health risks to healthy students, vulnerable members of the campus community, Durham community, and students' families and home communities. Although UNH has revised its safety protocols to support a more open student experience in the 2021-22 academic year, some mitigation strategies will remain in place based on CDC and NH DHHS recommendations, current conditions in the campus, community, and region, and NH state laws. They are subject to change as the recommendations and conditions change.

Importance of Vaccination

We strongly encourage all UNH students, faculty, and staff to be up to date on all recommended vaccine doses (including getting a booster) as soon as possible, for their own health and safety and for that of our campus community. The medical data and public health recommendations are clear: being up to date on vaccinations decreases the risk of infection, transmission, and particularly serious illness. If you have already been vaccinated, please let us know by uploading proof of your vaccination to our secure [MyHealth&Wellness portal](#). If you are not already fully vaccinated, follow [this link](#) to learn how you can be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Safety Rules

[Note: Listed below are the general safety rules that all students are expected to follow. At the end of this document, the University has provided detailed explanations of these rules and how they apply.]

All students will be required to do the following before and after they arrive on campus for the Spring 2022 semester:

1. Comply with University communications, posted signs, syllabus statements, and published safety rules prescribing any COVID-19 risk mitigation requirements. For the most up to date information regarding UNH's response to the pandemic, visit unh.edu/coronavirus
2. Comply with directives from University administrators and their classroom or lab faculty, including directives to isolate, quarantine, or wear a mask in specified locations.
3. Comply with all University testing requirements.
4. Adhere to all rules in the Student Code of Conduct.

Enforcement Procedures

Our goal is to be mutually welcoming, inclusive, and educative. In that spirit, all students, faculty, and staff must observe the safety rules established in these protocols. The following steps describe how the University will respond to alleged student violations of these safety rules.

Testing Violations

If a student does not submit a required COVID-19 test by their deadline and grace period (including arrival testing, surveillance testing, and ongoing testing), their Wildcat Pass will be deactivated and will not re-activate until they become compliant with testing requirements again. Students are responsible for any academic or co-curricular loss of participation that results from

them not having a valid Wildcat Pass. Students who have multiple missed tests may be referred to Community Standards if there are additional factors, including repeated violations or falsification of testing results and risk not being permitted on campus again.

Other Violations

1. Any member of the University community or the public may report concerns about possible violations of these protocols to Community Standards. The complaint shall identify, where possible, the student, the date, the approximate time, the place, and the safety rule(s) that were violated. The public report form can be found [here](#).
2. If the conduct alleged against the student would violate both the Safety Rules outlined here and also violate any of the rules in the Student Code of Conduct, Community Standards has the discretion to resolve the matter under the procedures described here or the procedures described in the Student Code.
3. Community Standards, or their designee, will review the report and make a determination about how to proceed. Next steps could include dismissing the report, sending the student a Report of Violation including charges and sanctions, or scheduling a meeting with the student. Meetings will typically be used in situations that could warrant sanctions such as removal from campus and suspension (or equally serious consequences).
4. Meetings are subject to this procedure:
 - a. Complaint received and reviewed for completeness
 - b. Complaint and meeting notice provided to student by email.
 - c. The contents of the complaint will be presumed accurate and reliable, subject to the student's right to establish that the presumption does not apply on the facts and circumstances present.
 - d. The student will have the opportunity at the meeting to provide information (and other evidence) about the allegations and to discuss whether the student should be found responsible.
 - e. Community Standards, or their designee, shall make a finding of responsibility.
 - f. If the student is found responsible, sanctions will be imposed as described below.
5. Sanctions. Sanctions shall be proportional to the alleged violation. Each case will be evaluated individually according to the facts of that case and a student could receive a combination of sanctions up to removal from campus or suspension, which may result in eviction from university housing. Also, students should be aware that they are subject to all the rules in the Student Code and that certain conduct described here could also violate other rules that might have different sanctions.
6. Communication with parents. Community Standards, or their designee, may communicate with the student's parents regarding violations.

Detailed Description of COVID-19 Related Rules

Testing Rules/Requirements/Obligations

- Testing Frequency/Missed tests. Students are required to drop off their test samples on specific days and times. The most up to date testing drop off times for each student can be found in their Wildcat Pass.
 - A student incurs a "missed test" if they do not submit a sample by their assigned deadline and then do not submit their designated grace period. At this point, their Wildcat Pass will be deactivated.
 - Students who incur multiple "missed tests" may be referred to Community Standards.
- Adulterated Samples. Students who intentionally submit samples that were not collected as directed/approved by the University will face sanctions that will likely include a ban from campus for a designated period and may face more serious consequences, such as suspension.

Who?	Rule
All Students	<p><i>Arrival testing:</i> All students will be tested upon arriving to campus.</p> <p><i>Surveillance testing:</i> All students will be subject to ongoing surveillance testing based on a number of factors, including results of wastewater testing, infection rates, and hospitalizations.</p>
Students who have uploaded their vaccination card	<p><i>Ongoing Testing</i> Students who have uploaded proof of their vaccination are required to test every two weeks, subject to change based on changing conditions.</p>
Students who have not uploaded their vaccination card	<p><i>Ongoing Testing</i> Students who have not uploaded proof of their vaccination are required to test twice weekly, subject to change based on changing conditions</p>

Quarantine and Isolation

Who?	Rule
All Students	<p>Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate. Any student who has close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 may be asked to quarantine depending on their vaccination status.</p> <p>Students may also be asked to isolate pending a test result.</p>

Face Coverings

Who?	Rule
All Students	<p>All students are required to wear masks in health care facilities, including Health & Wellness, as part of regular PPE in labs, on public transportation including Wildcat Transit, and for individuals who were recently in isolation or quarantine and need to mask for 10 days.</p>

University administration will continue to monitor trends and guidance and requirements from local, state, and federal public health officials. Based on these trends and conditions, the University may impose additional restrictions and mitigation strategies including, but not limited to:

- Physical distancing requirement
- Limits on gathering sizes
- Mask requirements
- Limits on visitors on-campus or in housing

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