

Public Health Safety Protocols 2022-23

Purpose

The COVID-19 pandemic imposes health risks to members of the campus community and students' families and home communities. Although UNH has revised its safety protocols to support a more open student experience in the 2022-23 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. 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 expected to do the following for the Fall 2022 semester:

1. Comply with University communications, posted signs, 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, including directives to isolate, quarantine, or wear a mask in specified locations.
3. Comply with University testing requirements.

Enforcement Procedures

Our goal is to be mutually welcoming, inclusive, and educative. In that spirit, all students, faculty, and staff who observe a concern are encouraged to address it directly whenever possible. 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 an expected COVID-19 test by their deadline (including arrival testing and surveillance 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.

Other Violations

1. Any member of the University community or the public who observes a student concern related to COVID-19 is encouraged to first address the concern directly with the student. Students who repeatedly violate guidelines and/or violate another University policy can be reported to Community Standards. The report should identify, where possible, the student, date/time, place, and description. Information on reporting to Community Standards can be found at unh.edu/conduct.
2. Community Standards, or their designee, will review the report and make a determination about how to proceed. Next steps could include dismissing the report, having an informal conversation with the student, or initiating a formal conduct process as described in the procedures within the [Code of Conduct](#).

Detailed Description of COVID-19 Related Rules

Testing Expectations

- Students may be expected to drop off test samples on specific days and times as described below. A student incurs a "missed test" if they do not submit a sample by a deadline. At this point, their Wildcat Pass will be deactivated.
- Adulterated Samples. Students who intentionally submit samples that were not collected as directed/approved by the University may be referred to Community Standards in addition to having their Wildcat Pass deactivated.

Who?	Rule
All Students	<p><i>Pre-arrival testing:</i> All students are expected to take a PCR test prior to arriving to campus (within 72 hours of their arrival). Students should not return to campus if they test positive. The test does not need to be submitted anywhere.</p> <p><i>Arrival testing:</i> All students will be tested upon arriving to campus.</p> <p><i>Ongoing testing:</i> All students may be subject to ongoing surveillance testing based on several factors, including results of wastewater testing, infection rates, and hospitalizations.</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 and Illness

Who?	Rule
All Students	<p>All students are required to wear masks in the Whittemore Center for test pickup, health care facilities, including Health & Wellness, as part of regular PPE in labs, and for individuals who were recently in isolation or quarantine and need to mask for 10 days.</p> <p>Students are expected to carry a mask on their person and wear when possible if asked by another community member.</p> <p>Students who are feeling ill should stay home.</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.

For the most up-to-date information on the University's response to the pandemic, visit unh.edu/coronavirus.