**Chicago Campus Health and Safety Protocols**

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This document outlines the current measures Adler University is taking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on the Chicago campus. We will continue to adapt and adjust these measures as directed by our local, state, and federal health authorities. For questions on any of these measures or other aspects of the Chicago campus COVID response, please email the [COVID Response Team](mailto:covidresponse@adler.edu).

# **COVID-19 Vaccination**

Vaccination is not required to access the Chicago Campus. However, being [up to date on vaccinations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html) is recommended to help protect individuals and the community.

## A person is considered up to date on vaccination when they have:

* Received a COVID-19 vaccine primary series.
* The most recent booster dose recommended by the CDC.

## Providing COVID-19 Vaccination Data

Adler’s Chicago Campus collects vaccination data to enhance our understanding of campus vaccination rates, which assists the Chicago Campus COVID Response Team with planning, policy, and prevention measures. Aggregated vaccination rates will continue to be published on the COVID Dashboard.

The University continues to utilize the Magnus Health app. as the mechanism to report your vaccination status. If you have been vaccinated, a one-time upload of this information can be completed via the Magnus app.

Contact [covidresponse@adler.edu](mailto:covidresponse@adler.edu) for Magnus app access or assistance.

## On-Campus Testing

Testing is no longer available on campus. If you have a known exposure to COVID-19 or are experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), locate a free testing provider in your area using the [State of Illinois Coronavirus Response](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/testing.html) website.

# Suspected COVID Symptoms

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) maintains a [current list of symptoms associated with COVID-19.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, get tested, even if you are vaccinated and unaware of being in contact with someone who has COVID. While awaiting test results, wear a high-quality mask.

# **COVID Exposure**

Those with known or suspected COVID-19 exposure should follow the current CDC guidelines:

* Quarantine is not required, required regardless of vaccination status unless symptoms develop.
* **Watch for** [signs](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) for 10 days and isolate immediately if symptoms develop.
* Wear a well-fitting **mask at all times** on campus for 10 full days following the last known exposure.

# Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test Results and Contact Tracing

Any student or employee who receives a positive COVID-19 test result must:

* Isolate at home for five days from the positive test result sample date, and
* Notify their supervisor (employees) or faculty (students), and
* Email [covidresponse@adler.edu](mailto:covidresponse@adler.edu) as soon as they receive that result so that those with whom they have been in close contact at Adler may be notified

In the positive test notification email, students will need to provide the following information:

* On-campus class schedule.
* Dates they were on campus in the five days preceding the test sample date
* SJP placement, if applicable.
* Work study job, if applicable, and those with whom they were in close contact.
* Any areas on campus where the student was in close contact with other individuals (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) for the past five days, such as a shared table in the Library or Adler’s Café or during a work-study job.

In the positive test notification email, employees will need to provide the following information:

* Where they work on campus: office number, hub, or classrooms.
* On-campus class schedule for teaching faculty.
* Dates they were on campus in the five days preceding the test sample date.
* Any other areas on campus where the employee was in close contact with other individuals (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) for the past five days.

A student’s or employee’s on-campus close contacts (less than 6 feet, longer than 15 minutes) will receive an email notification from the COVID Response Team with the next steps.

## **To return to campus after a positive COVID-19 test result**

* If you do not have symptoms: If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after five days have passed since you had a positive viral test for COVID-19.
* If you do have symptoms: You may return to campus five days after symptoms first appeared and after 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and your other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (excluding loss of taste and smell, which may persist)
* Take precautions until day 10 post positive test by wearing a well-fitting mask on campus.

# Masks & PPE

## **Masks:**

As of Sept. 8, 2022, 2022, masks are optional on the Chicago Campus, based on personal preference and informed by your level of risk, with the following exceptions:

* Masks must be worn at all times on campus following return to campus for those who have isolated due to contraction of COVID-19 (see COVID Exposure or Positive Test section of this document) for 10 full days from the date of last exposure or date of positive test sample collection.
* Gaiters or masks with valves are not allowed on campus

Should you need one, masks are available in the 17 N. Dearborn lobby and at the 15th-floor reception desk for anyone who chooses to wear one or is masking following return from home isolation.

Masking when the policy is optional is a personal decision. We ask that all members of the Adler community respect the masking preferences of others and demonstrate compassion towards others’ decisions around masking.

## **Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Wipes:**

Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers are located at campus entrances, reception areas, and public-facing service counters for use when entering campus and throughout the day.

Disinfectant wipes are provided throughout campus for the cleaning of personal and common/shared spaces.

Replenishment of disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer throughout campus is done on an ongoing, as-needed basis.

# Campus cleaning:

Full campus electrostatic cleaning is performed weekly on Wednesday nights at 10 p.m. and includes:

* Disinfecting of all seats, desks, boards, and equipment in classrooms.
* Disinfecting all seats, desks, boards, handrails, doorknobs, and equipment (avoiding paperwork) in common areas, offices, and hubs.
* Disinfecting all seats and touch points in washrooms.