

Dear Staff and Faculty,

As we shift into summer operations, I'd like to provide an update for you on our COVID-19 protocols.

### **Mask Wearing:**

- Masking indoors is optional in most places on campus. Masking is still required in the following locations:
  - In classroom/lab/studio spaces during scheduled classes unless the faculty member facilitated a process in which the group has determined that it is comfortable with mask wearing being optional.
  - In campus spaces where signage notes that masking is still expected
  - Auditoriums and indoor public seating areas for public events (e.g., athletic events, performances, guest lectures)
- You may choose to communicate with people entering your room or workspace that you would like them to wear a mask by posting this sign.
- Everyone on campus must keep a mask with them at all times and be prepared to wear it:
  - Upon entering a space where masking is required or
  - Upon the request of another member of the community.
- KN95 masks are available between 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday) in Cro 218 (Student Life Office).

### **Testing:**

- As of June 1, the Testing Center will not be operating and we will no longer be providing COVID-19 PCR tests. The dashboard will not be updated with case counts.
- COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits may be picked up between 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday) in Cro 218 (Student Life Office).
  - **If you are positive with COVID-19 from a rapid antigen test or other off-campus diagnosis, you must notify the College. Employees should email [covidhr@conncoll.edu](mailto:covidhr@conncoll.edu).**

### **COVID-19 Positive Protocol:**

- Employees who are positive will receive instructions from Steve Langlois or a member of the Human Resources staff who will be sharing this responsibility in a rotation.
- COVID-19 recovery protocol:
  - **Isolate for 5-10 days** and do not come to work during this isolation period.
  - You can pick up an isolation kit (containing KN95 masks and rapid tests to test-out of isolation) between 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday) in Cro 218 (Student Life Office).
  - You may test out of isolation between Day 5 and Day 10 (Day 0 is the day the COVID-19 test was taken). A **single** negative test between Day 5 and Day 10 will enable you to end isolation earlier than ten days. Please send a picture of your negative test result to [covidhr@conncoll.edu](mailto:covidhr@conncoll.edu). Once you submit the picture you can end isolation—you do not need to wait to be notified that you can end isolation. If you complete isolation before ten days, you should continue to take precautions (e.g. wear a well-fitting mask around other people) until Day 10.
- The College will not be facilitating a contact tracing process. It is recommended that you notify people who you identify as being a close contact. A person is considered a close contact if they have been within six feet of you for 15 minutes or more during what is considered the infectious period, which is 48 hours prior to positive diagnosis or onset of symptoms.

### **Close Contacts:**

- **If you are fully vaccinated (includes booster):** You do not need to quarantine. Test with a rapid test around five days after you last had close contact with the positive person. Watch for symptoms until ten days after your last had close contact with the positive person. Be sure to consistently wear a mask for ten days.
- **If you had COVID-19 within the past 90 days:** You do not need to quarantine. Watch for symptoms until ten days after your last had close contact with the positive person. Be sure to consistently wear a mask for ten days.
- **If you are partially vaccinated (no booster) or exempt from vaccination:** Quarantine at home for five days (do not go to work at

the College) and consistently wear a mask for ten days. Watch for symptoms for ten days. Test with a rapid antigen test at least five days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please email [covid19responseteam@conncoll.edu](mailto:covid19responseteam@conncoll.edu). I hope that you have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'VA', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Victor Arcelus  
Dean of Students