

# Quarantine and Isolation Policy

## For Undergraduate Students after Covid-19

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### I. PURPOSE

While Goucher College remains a residential, in-person campus, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it necessary to make exceptions for those impacted by the virus. The purpose of this policy is to describe the procedures for students who find themselves needing to quarantine or isolate during a regular semester.

### II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all undergraduate students.

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Close Contact:** Due to the nature of the ever-changing CDC guidelines, please review current definitions [here](#).
- B. **Quarantine:** The separation of someone exposed to a COVID-positive individual from those who are not sick or exposed if the exposed person becomes ill or tests positive for COVID-19. Students in on-campus housing quarantine in a designated residence hall.
- C. **Isolation:** The separation of someone who is ill with or has tested positive for COVID-19 from people who are not sick. Students in on-campus housing must be relocated from their dorm room during isolation to minimize the risk of spread to peers in their hall and isolate in a designated residence hall.
- D. **Fully Vaccinated:** An individual has received both doses of a two- dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. **Quarantine:** Any student who was in Close Contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 must quarantine. Individuals who are fully vaccinated or who have had COVID-19 in the three months prior to exposure do not need to quarantine. The period of quarantine is in accordance with current CDC guidance, which may be found [here](#).
- B. **Isolation:** Any student who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or who has received a positive COVID-19 test regardless of symptoms, must isolate. A current list of COVID-19 symptoms may be

found [here](#). The period of isolation is in accordance with current CDC guidance, which may be found [here](#).

**Students** who are quarantining or in isolation because of exposure to a COVID-positive individual must not stay in their assigned room. Students may not attend classes in person, go to the library, go to the dining hall, etc. Students who fail to follow this policy will be subject to [discipline](#).

The **Student Health Center** notifies the associate provost for undergraduate studies that a student is in quarantine or isolation. The associate provost for undergraduate studies notifies the instructor, with little details: Students will not return to class and will need accommodations until [date].

**Students** are not required to provide formal documentation to their faculty from a health care provider and will not be penalized for their physical absence from the classroom. **Students are required to follow the process outlined below.**

## V. PROCESS

Students who are in quarantine are expected to attend all classes online (synchronously or asynchronously). Students who are in isolation must attend classes online if they feel able (synchronously or asynchronously). Students who are not able to attend face-to-face class must:

1. Indicate their status on the Report an Illness website.
2. Notify their instructor and advisor that they will not attend class face-to-face as soon as possible, ideally before the first day they miss class.
3. Inform their instructor of their anticipated return date to class based on the periods of quarantine and isolation set forth in this policy.
4. Discuss with the instructor how they will be keeping up with coursework during the length of their absence.
5. Keep up with all coursework and reading, including submitting assignments.
6. Communicate any changes to their plan to their instructor and advisor as soon as possible.

If a student becomes sick with COVID-19 and, as a result, **is unable to complete course work**, they must make use of the [Absences Due to Personal Medical Emergency Form](#).

### **Sample email to professor & advisor from students informing them of upcoming absences due to quarantine or isolation:**

Subject: Absence from [insert course name] Starting [insert date]

Dear Professor and Advisor [Insert names],

I am writing to share with you that I will not attend [insert course name] in-person starting [insert date of first class-meeting]. I understand that while I cannot attend class in person, I must keep up with all coursework and assignments. I would like to make a virtual appointment with you at your earliest convenience to discuss how to continue my work.

I anticipate returning to the physical classroom on [insert date of the first class meeting per College guidelines]. If this plan changes, I will notify you as soon as possible before that date.

The Student Health Center has informed the associate provost for undergraduate studies of this situation.

Sincerely,

[Insert your name]

## **VI. RESOURCES/FAQ**

Students should visit the [Return to Campus](#) website.

Students should visit the [COVID-19 Testing Plan for Students](#).

## **VII. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL**

The official responsible for administering this policy is the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies.  
Van Meter G25, 410.337.6210

## **VIII. HISTORY**

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